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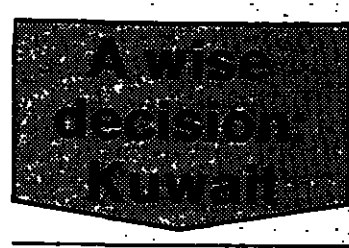
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Official acceptance unconditional Fighting would stop in a week UN chief

Iran accepts ceasefire



By Hussain Salamah

KUWAIT expressed hope that Iran's acceptance of the UN Security Council Resolution 598 would signal the start of a new chapter in peaceful relations between the two Muslim neighbours — Iraq and Iran.

The Minister for Housing Affairs and acting State Minister for Cabinet Affairs, Nasser Al Roudhan, told the Arab Times that Kuwait received the news of Iran's acceptance of the UN resolution with the utmost pleasure.

Misery

The minister described the Iranian decision as "objective and wise" and added that the tragic war had shed a lot of blood, and caused a lot of misery.

He added that the potentials and revenue of the two countries have been depleted and the only beneficiary of this war is the joint enemy of the Arab and Islamic nations.

Al Roudhan said that all sides have now realised the futility of this war and the serious dangers posed to the entire region as a consequence. "This opinion does not only represent the view of all Muslims, but also those of all mankind."

The minister said that the Resolution 598 was the result of international consensus and that Kuwait exerted extensive efforts in trying to put an end to the war.

NICOSIA, July 18, (Agencies): Iran said today it accepted a year-old United Nations call for a ceasefire in the Gulf war, and its military chief said the decision was made by Ayatollah Khomeini.

At the United Nations, Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said Iran accepted ceasefire unconditionally and he hoped the fighting would stop in a week.

The ailing, 87-year-old Khomeini announced the decision to top Iranian leaders during a meeting yesterday, acting Commander-in-Chief Hashemi Rafsanjani said in an interview on Iran television.

"Since the people of Iran believe in Imam Khomeini's decisions and rely on him and the people in charge, we hereby announce the decision to accept UN Security Council Resolution 598," he said.

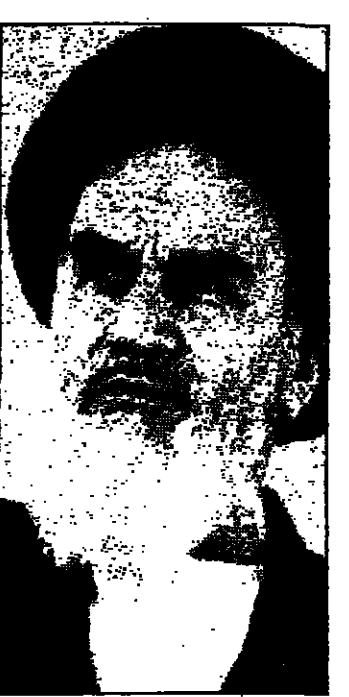
"This decision is based on many reasons, but since Imam Khomeini is aware of many political and military secrets, he cannot give more explanations at the moment."

Benefit

The powerful Rafsanjani, who is also Speaker of Parliament and has made calls for a diplomatic end to the war, said the decision was taken "for the benefit of the Iranian nation and there is no sign of weakness in it."

Khomeini has in the past adamantly rejected peace unless Iraq is overthrown and Iraq declared to be the aggressor in the almost eight-year-old war.

But a statement by the General Command of the Armed Forces,



Khomeini

carried by the official Islamic Republic News Agency, said Iran would not withdraw its troops from the border.

"We once again urge the Iranian people to man the war fronts to confront the enemies' aggressive nature and foil their criminal acts," it said.

Iraq said Iran's announcement was made for "tactical reasons" and not out of any desire for a "real and just peace," the Iraqi News Agency reported.

Missions

Several hours after the IRNA dispatch was transmitted, Iraq reported its helicopter gunships flew 61 combat missions against Iranian troops during the day, inflicting "losses in men and equipment."

Iran's acceptance of Security Council Resolution 598, passed July 20 of last year, was conveyed in a message to Perez de Cuellar last night.

Perez de Cuellar, on arriving at the UN Secretariat building this



Perez de Cuellar

morning, showed reporters the letter of acceptance signed by Iran's President, Ali Khamenei.

"They say that they have decided to officially declare that the Republic of Iran accepts Security Council Resolution 598," Perez de Cuellar said.

Asked if Iran still insisted on punishment or denunciation of Iraq as a first step toward a ceasefire, the secretary-general said: "There is no (such) reference in the letter; it is a very factual letter, there is no claim, no conditions...."

Acceptance

"It is very clear that it is an acceptance which doesn't refer to any conditions," he said. "It is what they (the Iranians) call 'official acceptance'."

The letter states, in part, "the Islamic Republic of Iran, because of the importance it attaches to saving the lives of human beings and the establishment of justice and regional and international peace and security,

accepts Security Council Resolution 598."

The secretary-general said he would begin immediate consultations with Iran and Iraq to implement the ceasefire.

"I intend in the afternoon to start my consultations to begin to set up a D-Day for the implementation for the resolution. Of course, it has to begin with a ceasefire," Perez de Cuellar said.

The breakthrough in the long-stalemated peace process came hours before the council was to resume debate on the US Navy's downing of an Iranian jetliner.

Khomeini, in his letter to Perez de Cuellar, cited the downing of an Iranian civilian airliner by a US cruiser in the Gulf as an example of unnecessary loss of life in the war.

The Security Council was due today to continue its debate on the attack, which Washington has said was launched in the belief the airliner carrying 290 people was a fighter jet.

Perez de Cuellar told a news conference he would have to consult with the Security Council to appoint a group of about 10 UN observers from various nations to monitor a ceasefire between Iran and Iraq.

Approve

Then the United Nations would have to assemble a force of about 250 military officers of various nationalities to implement the ceasefire, he said, adding that the home governments must approve the officers' transfer to any new region.

Once these steps were completed, a ceasefire could take effect.

"I think that if I am lucky, I

Canada, Iran resume ties

OTTAWA, July 18, (AP): Canada and Iran have agreed to resume normal diplomatic relations, the federal government said today.

The two countries will place ambassadors in each other's countries. Canada hopes to re-open the embassy under a lower-ranking official by October, with an ambassador to be appointed within about a year. External Affairs Department officials told a news conference.

Rains bring havoc to India, 100 killed

NEW DELHI, July 18, (Reuters): The rains for which India has been praying have arrived with a vengeance, bursting dams, drowning villages, destroying crops and killing up to 100 people in the last four days.

In the central state of Uttar Pradesh, more than 1.2 million people were affected as rivers burst their banks and inundated low-lying villages, the Press Trust of India reported today.

The government announced Rs 60 million (\$4.3 million) in relief funds for the state, and medical teams were working round the clock, officials told PTI.

Whole areas of north India were cut off from the rest of the country as mud and rocks crashed down across vital road links.

Collapsed

In the Himachal state of Jammu and Kashmir, Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah today called in the Army to help evacuate 150,000 villagers as water pouring through a breached embankment washed away bridges and swallowed up houses.

Residents in Kashmir said at least 17 people had died, crushed by collapsed houses, the news agency said.

may have a ceasefire in a week or 10 days," he said.

He added that he would travel to the region if his presence would further the peace process.

In Tehran, the general command's announcement praised the "great leadership" of Khomeini.

It said Khomeini's leadership "is still the most reliable shelter for the freedom-loving people of Iran."

The UN resolution calls for a ceasefire, withdrawal to international borders, and exchange of prisoners of war and an inquiry to determine responsibility for the war.

The Iranian general command's statement said the "arrogant world," a reference to the United States, had sought to portray Iraq as a "peace-loving regime" because of Baghdad's previous acceptance of Resolution 598.

Iraq accepted the resolution

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Governments cautious over Tehran's move

Iraq has reservations

MANAMA, Bahrain, July 18, (Agencies): Governments around the world reacted cautiously today to Iran's sudden acceptance of a ceasefire.

Iraq said it was studying notes on Iran's acceptance of the UN ceasefire call in the Gulf war.

Information Minister Latif Nassif Al Jassem told the Iraqi News Agency (INA) that Iraq was keen to achieve peace according to principles put forward by President Saddam Hussein yesterday.

Jassem said Iran was accepting the UN resolution for "tactical reasons" and not out of any desire for a "real and just peace."

Apprised

In the first official reaction from Baghdad, Jassem said Iraq had "reservations."

"We haven't been officially apprised of the Iranian letter to the United Nations. We are still dealing with news we learned about by listening to Tehran Radio," he said.

"The Iranian general command's statement did not explain



Acting Commander-in-Chief of the Iranian Armed Forces Rafsanjani (right) and Iranian President Ali Khamenei attending the joint session of the heads of government where they took the decision to accept the ceasefire. (Reuters wirephoto)

the reasons behind Iran's new stand in terms of a desire for a real and just peace, but mentioned the circumstances and reasons for their latest position in terms of tactical reasons."

Saddam said in a speech there should be a complete, unconditional withdrawal by both parties to internationally recognised borders, the signing of a peace and non-aggression accord and commitments to non-interference in each other's internal affairs.

Capture

Jassem said the Iranian statement also called for "general mobilisation to fill the war fronts with fighters."

"The one who wants true peace doesn't need a general mobilisation or the massing of troops," Jassem added.

Massoud Rajavi, the leader of the Baghdad-based Iranian Mujahadeen resistance group, declared that the government of Ayatollah Khomeini only "feigned acceptance," of the ceasefire to gain time "in the wake of a

chain of military defeats in the past few months."

He added that "deathbells began to toll," for the Khomeini government after last month's capture by the Iranian Liberation Army of the border city of Mehran.

The White House welcomed Iran's acceptance of ceasefire, calling it a major breakthrough and an important step towards ending the conflict.

Positive

"It opens the way to an end to the eight-year tragic war and restoration of stability in that troubled region of the world," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater told reporters at a briefing in California, where President Reagan is on holiday.

The move could pave the way for a reduction in the large American naval fleet in the region.

"If it's a step toward the end of this war, it certainly is a positive step," US Defence Department

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People relieved

Arab Times report

THE Arab Times, yesterday was inundated with calls by people who wanted to ascertain whether Iran had really accepted the ceasefire.

Most people were relieved to learn that Iran at least had come to its senses.

One said, "We do hope the ceasefire will be permanent and none of the Gulf war foes will break the truce as that will incur the wrath of the international community."

Unbelievable

However, a Kuwaiti expressed scepticism by stating that one never expected this truce to happen and Iran is capable of springing surprises. "The acceptance of the truce in itself once again proves this," he added.

An Arab said: "It is really unbelievable." However, if it is indeed true, it will be the most important event of the decade."

An Asian said: "We hope this will bring a lasting peace and stability to the Gulf region facilitating the economic uplift of the entire region."

Ease

The general response to the news from the people of Kuwait was one of immense satisfaction and relief and this was demonstrated by scenes of people congratulating one another.

Reuter adds: Bankers and businessmen said an end to the war — or even a sustained truce — would revitalize recession-hit Gulf economies, secure vital oil exports and ease social tensions.

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Share prices soar

SHARE prices on the Kuwait Stock Exchange yesterday soared to unprecedented levels following news of Iran's acceptance of ceasefire.

The market witnessed active share trading, thus sending prices to a record high, dealers said.

Diplomats sceptical

By Jadranka Porter

DIPLOMATS in Kuwait reacted with scepticism and surprise at Iran's announcement that it would accept the UN ceasefire resolution.

The Soviet Ambassador to Kuwait, Ernest Zverev, said he had no knowledge of the announcement. "If it is true, it is a good development," he said.

Asked whether he thought this announcement carried more weight than the previous ones he said: "I hope this one is different, maybe it is different."

The French Ambassador Marcel Laugel admitted that he did not anticipate such an announcement. "I am surprised" is all he was willing to say.

Formal

A spokesman for the British Embassy was doubtful about the authority of Iran's Armed Forces General Command to issue such statements saying that it remains to be seen if this is a clear, unqualified acceptance of the ceasefire resolution by the Iranian government.

"The Security Council will be glad to see the acceptance made

through a public announcement but what we need now is a formal piece of paper endorsing it. It may be on the paper already but as far as I know it is not," he said.

A ceasefire is a definite possibility if Iran has accepted the 598 resolution, he said.

He also warned against reading too much into the statement. "I remain sceptical," he said recalling previous occasions when Iran indicated its willingness to accept the resolution but then promptly listed its conditions.

"Iran may be testing the Iraqi reaction," he said pointing out that Iraq, being on the offensive, has been taking less note of the diplomatic efforts to end the war.

"It would be interesting to see if Iraq still agrees to comply with the ceasefire resolution."

Foreign diplomats were yesterday waiting for further information that would throw more light on Iran's intentions.

"We need a clearer picture of what the statement means. We don't know with what authority the Armed Forces General Command spoke," the British spokesman said.

Oil prices jump

LONDON, July 18, (Reuters): Oil prices jumped today after Iran's news agency said Iran accepted a UN Security Council resolution calling for a Gulf war ceasefire, traders said.

North Sea Brent blend, the most widely-traded international crude, jumped 25 cents a barrel to be quoted for loading in September around \$14.45 to \$14.50 a barrel.

Brent traded at \$14.53 a barrel. Then, however, quoted prices eased back.

The US dollar rose strongly on bullish sentiment today, crashed and then recovered sharply to end European trading mostly higher.

Gold prices fell.

Some dealers attributed these to news that Iran has unconditionally accepted a United Nations resolution for a ceasefire in the Gulf war. Investors often considered the US dollar to be a safe investment during times of international tension.

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INTERNATIONAL

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Gromyko calls for legal measures for Nagorno-Karabakh

Kremlin to settle dispute

MOSCOW, July 18, (Reuters): The parliamentary leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan clashed today at a key meeting of Kremlin officials to decide the fate of the rebel Soviet region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

The official Tass news agency said Grant Voskanyan of Armenia demanded self-determination for Nagorno-Karabakh, where the majority Armenian population has waged a five-month struggle to quit Azerbaijan and join neighbouring Armenia.

Suleiman Tatlisev of Azerbaijan hit back by accusing Nagorno-Karabakh of "total insubordination" and declared that the region, ruled by Azerbaijan since 1923, had no justifiable political, economic or legal grounds for territorial transfer.

More than one million Armenians live in the Soviet Union outside the borders of the republic of Armenia, "Tatlisev told the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the highest state

body. "Following the logic of the deputies from Nagorno-Karabakh, all territories where they now live should be united with Armenia. Is this a way to solve the problem? Of course not."

Voskanyan and Tatlisev both led 10-member delegations to the presidium's meeting, convened to try to end the territorial stand-off.

At least 36 people have died in ethnic turmoil since the Nagorno-Karabakh dispute erupted in February.

Measures

Soviet President Andrei Gromyko opened the meeting with a call for legal measures which would satisfy both sides. Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev was also expected to speak. "The search for a correct solution must be carried out within the framework of the Soviet constitution, socialist values and mutual respect for the opinions, traditions and national dignity of

every people," Gromyko declared.

Voskanyan responded by charging that Nagorno-Karabakh had suffered economically under Azerbaijani administration.

He said "violations of the national rights and dignity of the region's Armenian population" should be halted through a decision based on "the Leninist principle of free self-determination of nations."

Tension

Ethnic Armenians form 75 per cent of Nagorno-Karabakh's population. Last week, the region's governing council posed an unprecedented challenge to Kremlin rule by declaring that the small enclave was seceding from Azerbaijan to join Armenia.

Nagorno-Karabakh workers downed tools in mid-May, and local journalists said today that the strike continued unabated. Azerbaijan has refused to cede the region, citing article 78 of the Soviet constitution which

requires that border changes be approved by all concerned republics. Tatlisev called on the Presidium today to respect Azerbaijani sovereignty.

Armenia, populated mainly by Christians, and Azerbaijan, where most residents are Muslims, are Transcaucasian neighbours with a history of ethnic tension.

In the Armenian capital, Yerevan, journalists confirmed today that residents of the entire republic had ended a two-week general strike in support of Nagorno-Karabakh.

"The strike is over. All people are back at work — absolutely everyone," a spokesman for the official Movosti news agency said. He said Yerevan was calm but police patrols continued and the opera square rally site was closed.

The presidium, which groups the parliamentary leaders of all 15 Soviet republics, faces the unenviable task of reconciling contradictory statutes in the constitution.



Michael Dukakis (left) and his running-mate Senator Lloyd Bentsen make their arrival remarks in Atlanta. (Reuters wirephoto)

Dukakis, Jackson hold crucial meeting before convention

ATLANTA, July 18, (Reuters): Michael Dukakis and black civil rights leader Jesse Jackson began a crucial meeting that could set the tone for the Democratic Party's nominating convention opening here later today.

The urgent need for peace talks between Dukakis, the certain presidential nominee, and the disgruntled Jackson had been the talk of the town in the days leading up to the convention.

Before beginning the session, which Jackson's aides said was essential to work out differences over the autumn campaign against Republican Vice-President George Bush, Dukakis sought to play down its importance.

"There's no rift," Dukakis insisted in a televised interview when asked about Jackson's complaints that his "progressive

wing" of the party has been locked out by the Dukakis camp. In a separate television interview shortly before the meeting, Dukakis predicted that he and Jackson would come out of their talks united.

"I think you're going to see us not alone coming out of the meeting but out of this convention a united party, a party that's ready to go to work in November and win a big victory," he said.

Dukakis, saying he is a member of the party's progressive wing himself, also professed "unconcern about Jackson's threat to stage convention floor fights over the party platform as well as a possible bid for the vice-presidential nomination."

He said Jackson would be a very important part of the campaign team and his supporters would be represented on the

Democratic national committee, the party's policymaking body.

The cool, low-key Massachusetts governor and the flamboyant black leader were at odds over Dukakis' choice of Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen as his vice-presidential running mate and his failure last week to notify Jackson before word of his decision leaked out.

A smiling Jackson, who walked across the street from his hotel to Dukakis' suite, appeared to be a jaunty mood.

"Let's be positive. Let's be hopeful," he told a horde of reporters.

Dukakis, the 54-year-old son of wealthy Greek immigrants, was assured of nomination in the formal convention balloting on Wednesday because of primary election victories that gave him 2,247 of the 4,162 delegate votes.

Saleh sworn in as President of North Yemen

SANAA, July 18, (Reuters): Ali Abdullah Saleh was sworn in today as President of North Yemen for a third five-year term and later accepted the resignation of the cabinet.

Saleh, re-elected by parliament on Sunday, took the oath before the members and then accepted the resignation of Prime Minister Abdul-Aziz Abdulghani's cabinet. He asked Abdulghani to stay in office until a new cabinet was formed.

In a brief statement after the ceremony in parliament, Saleh vowed to work for "deepening democratic practices and uniting the two Yemens through peaceful ways."

North and South Yemen have been involved in merger talks since 1972 and agreed last May on a proposed unity constitution which still has to be approved by their respective parliaments.

North Yemen's first elected parliament was formed after polls on July 5.

58 killed in Amazon ferry disaster

BRASILIA, July 18, (Reuters): At least 58 people died and some 30 others were missing and believed dead today after an overcrowded ferry sank on the Amazon river, authorities said.

The packed ferry Correo Do Arari struck the underwater wreckage of another boat and sank on Friday night.

Coast Guard officials raised the sunken hulk of the ferry on Sunday and found 15 bodies inside, some of them still lying in the hammocks where they were sleeping when the ferry sank.

"They found some women with babies still in their arms," said spokesman Adriano Pinto of the Harbourmaster's office in the port of Belem.

Officials had several hours to search for victims aboard the antiquated ferry before it suddenly broke free from a huge, floating crane and sank again.

Corpses from the ferry washed up on riverbanks and fisherman

found bodies floating miles downstream, some partly eaten by flesh-eating fish.

Seventy-nine people were rescued or swam to safety, police said.

The ferry was making an overnight voyage from Belem to the port of Cachoeira Do Arari when it struck the wreckage and sank in less than five minutes.

Police said the ferry was holding up to three times its maximum capacity of 60 people plus several tons of cargo.

Spokesman at the Harbourmaster's office said a full investigation would be launched into the shipwreck, one of the worst on the Amazon.

Pinto said there was little hope for finding more survivors because they would have drowned in strong river currents and undertows.

There were no reports of foreigners among the 43 victims police have identified so far.

Iran accepts truce

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immediately after it was passed, but only on condition it was also accepted by Iran.

The Iranian general command statement advocated a "new policy" to "expose the aggressor" and "prevent the enemies of Islam ... from taking the initiative on the international scene."

"The announcement of the Islamic republic's new stands to UN chief Javier Perez de Cuellar is aimed at implementing this new policy," the statement said.

On June 2, Khomeini appointed Iran's Speaker of Parliament, Hashemi Rafsanjani, as acting commander-in-chief. Rafsanjani has in the past month indicated that Iran might end the war through diplomatic means.

"We are not insisting on getting our rights on the battlefield, we have defined non-military solutions to the war," he said in a June 15 speech.

Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi President, called on Iran's rulers yesterday to agree to an "honourable" end to the war.

Even a hostile peace would allow the Gulf states to breathe more easily. Their oil lifeline was threatened after the hostilities spilled over into the waterway, and their governments were jittery over Iran's vow to carry the Islamic revolution throughout the region on the battlefield.

Casualty

In the past three months, Iraq has recaptured nearly all the territory it lost to Iran over the past six years. There has been no official casualty toll in the war, but foreign analysts put it at over one million killed or wounded.

Iraq rejected an earlier Iranian statement that both sides had returned to the 1980 international borders.

"Iran is still occupying parts of Iraqi territory here and there. It must withdraw or we will force the Iranians to withdraw and suffer more casualties," said a statement from the Iraqi Defence Ministry.

In addition to recent territorial losses, the Iranian population suffered a severe psychological blow in a round of the "war of the cities" between Feb 29 and April 21 this year. As many as half of Tehran's six million population fled to the countryside to escape the missiles that blasted a path of destruction across the city.

Retaliation

The Iranians were clearly outraged. The Iraqis fired nearly 200 long-range missiles, believed to be upgraded Soviet Scud-B weapons. The Iranians were only able to fire one-third that number in retaliation.

Iran had been softening its diplomatic stance until a US missile downed an Iran Air jetliner over the Gulf on July 3. The 290 people on board, all but 38 of them Iranians, were killed. Iran again charged the US with supporting Iraq's war effort and vowed to continue fighting.

The United States maintains a fleet of 27 ships in and around the Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz to protect neutral shipping.

People relieved

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"I am very happy," said Jassem Al Saadoun, general manager of Al Shail economic consultants.

"It's a relief for everybody." The official Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) called the Iranian announcement a surprise, but noted in a commentary that it followed "signs pointing to a division within the Iranian leadership on the worth of continuing the war with Iraq."

Dutch premier raps Israel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 18, (Reuters): Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers today criticised Israeli measures to crush a Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories and urged support for a US Middle East peace plan, Israeli officials said.

Lubbers is the first European leader to visit Israel since the unrest in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip began last December. But his message appeared to make little impact on Israeli leaders.

Upheld

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin upheld Israel's use of force to quell the uprising and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir reaffirmed his opposition to an international peace conference, a key part of the US initiative. Rabin told reporters he sensed

Scattered protests in S. Africa

Mandela turns 70 in jail

CAPE TOWN, July 18, (Reuters): Black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela celebrated his 70th birthday in a South African prison cell today amid scattered protests from his supporters and silence from the state-run media.

His wife Winnie, herself a symbol of anti-apartheid protest, held a press conference in Johannesburg at which scores of messages were read out from foreign leaders, church, student and labour groups calling for the release of her husband.

With her daughter Zindzi and other family members, she stood in front of a 20-foot (six-metre) high poster of Mandela, the world's most famous prisoner who is spending his 26th year in jail for plotting to overthrow white rule.

"We are humbled by the recognition by the international community of this day," Winnie

Mandela said. Mandela and his wife rejected a government offer of a special six-hour family visit to Cape Town's Pollsmoor prison where he is held, saying they did not want privileges denied to other jailed opponents of apartheid.

Concept

Winnie Mandela said today: "The concept of spending a 70th birthday behind bars is abhorrent."

"But the government had other motives for allowing us the six hours in Pollsmoor. The government could have used the visit against us," she said.

Pretoria has not responded to a flood of international pleas to release Mandela, who is still revered by radical blacks as a symbol of resistance to white rule and as a leader of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC).

Zindzi read a message from the ANC's acting president, Oliver Tambo, who said Mandela's imprisonment was the imprisonment of all South Africa.

"Let the apartheid regime know the high esteem in which he is held," the message said.

Police swooped on a high school in Cape Town's coloured (mixed-race) township of Bonteheuwel today and ordered students to go home, eyewitnesses said.

Students were planning a rally to honour Mandela and to rename the school after an ANC guerrilla killed in a skirmish with police last year.

Only a few signs of dissent escaped police vigilance. White women members of the Black Sash civil rights movement stood in silent protest at various points in Cape Town holding placards reading "Free Nelson Mandela."

Palestinian role in occupied areas denied

TEL AVIV, July 18, (Reuters): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's office today denied having suggested that Palestinians administer the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and threatened to sue Energy Minister Moshe Shalev over the allegation.

Shamir's spokesman dismissed as a fairy tale and a malicious lie remarks by Shalev that the prime minister had put forward the idea during a visit to Romania earlier this year. The disagreement between the two ministers came as two more Palestinians died yesterday taking the fatality toll in the seven-month-old uprising in the occupied territories to 233 Arabs and four Jews.

Intention

Shalev said Shamir gave Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu a document proposing to give local Arab residents control over the territories, captured by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war.

"The intention (of the proposal) was to give independent management to the Palestinians without examining their identities, and including supporters of the PLO, Shalev told Israel Radio.

Shalev, a member of the Labour Party, said the document was prepared by the prime minister's staff with the knowledge of several parliament members from Shamir's rightist Likud bloc.

His claim supported comments today by PLO spokesman Bassam Abu Sharif and prompted swift denunciations by the Likud parliamentary faction and Shamir's aides, who charged Shalev with playing election politics ahead of polling in November.

Four face charges of leaking secrets

Yugoslavs appear in trial

LJUBLJANA, Yugoslavia, July 18, (Reuters): Three civilians and a soldier, accused of leaking Army secrets, appeared before a military court on Monday in a closed trial which has caused unprecedented protests in Yugoslavia's northern Republic of Slovenia.

Ivan "Janez" Jansa, David Tasic and Franci Zavrl, writers and editors of the Slovenian youth magazine Mladina, and Army Sergeant-Major Ivan Borstner, appeared before a five-judge panel, chaired by Colonel Djuro Vlaisavljevic.

The case follows a Mladina report that the Army was planning to crush liberal trends in Slovenia, Yugoslavia's most Westernised republic.

Igor Bavcar, a leader of the Human Rights Committee set up on behalf of the four men, said the public was allowed briefly into the courtroom before the trial was declared closed.

"Only closest relatives of the defendants were allowed to attend," Bavcar said.

Zavrl's civilian lawyer, Drago Demsar, was physically ejected from the courtroom after refusing to leave, Bavcar added.

The arrests of Jansa, Tasic and Borstner in early June have led to widespread protests in Slovenia from both official and unofficial organisations. Bavcar said more than 70,000 people and 500 groups had signed petitions calling for their release. Zavrl was not detained and

was in hospital until recently suffering from nervous exhaustion. If convicted, Borstner could be jailed for between one to 15 years the others face sentences ranging from three months to five years.

Bavcar's committee and Slovenian official organisations have demanded that the three be granted civilian lawyers, an open trial and the right to defend themselves.

The Army has rejected all demands to the outrage of the Slovenian public.

Last week the Slovenian state presidency issued a statement demanding that at least legal experts should be allowed into the courtroom to ensure there were no irregularities. This demand was also rejected, Bavcar said.

Chaos eases at British airports

LONDON, July 18, (UPI): A logjam of flights from British airports broke gradually today, ending a weekend of chaos and finally sending thousands of weary angry tourists on their way to Mediterranean resorts after delays of up to 24 hours or more.

Flight schedules over Europe, wrecked last week by industrial action by Greek air traffic controllers, slowly were repaired, due in part to a decision by a majority of France's unionized air controllers to call off a planned 15-hour strike.

But Britain's beleaguered Civil Aviation Authority came under sharp attack over the weekend of snarl-ups, and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government was under pressure to step into the crisis, which could erupt again amid thousands of summer holiday flights still to come.

At Gatwick, Britain's busiest package-tour airport where some 35,000 passengers were scheduled to fly out today, most flights were leaving nearly on time.

But, a Gatwick spokesman, said "we are still recovering from the knock-on effect of the Greek dispute and have 15 flights delayed between three and four hours."

One British island aircraft to



Security Council Resolution 598

GENEVA, July 18, (AP): The following are excerpts of Security Council Resolution 598 of July 20, 1987, which was accepted today by Iran: The Security Council

● "Demands that, as a first step toward a negotiated settlement, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq observe an immediate ceasefire, discontinue all military actions on land, at sea, and in the air, and withdraw all forces to the internationally recognised boundaries without delay.

● "Requests the secretary-general to dispatch a team of United Nations observers to verify, confirm, and supervise the ceasefire and withdrawal and further requests the secretary-general to make the necessary arrangements in consultations with the parties and to submit a report thereon to the Security Council.

Delay

● "Urges that prisoners of war be released and repatriated without delay after the cessation of active hostilities in accordance with the third Geneva convention of Aug 12, 1949.

● "Calls upon Iran and Iraq to co-operate with the secretary-general in implementing this

Damage

● "Recognises the magnitude of the damage inflicted during the conflict and the need for reconstruction efforts, with appropriate international assistance, once the conflict is ended and, in this regard, requests the secretary-general to assign a team of experts to study the question of reconstruction and to report to the council as soon as possible.

● "Further requests the secretary-general to examine, in consultation with Iran and Iraq and with other states of the region, measures to enhance the security and stability of the region.

● "Requests the secretary-

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Lebanese jailed for car bombing in Cyprus

NICOSIA, July 18. (AP) A Lebanese member of the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad organisation was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment today after pleading guilty to two charges of manslaughter in a bungled attempt to blow up the Israeli Embassy here.

Omar Ahmed Hawilo, 28, admitted in a confession made to the police two days after his arrest on May 11 that on that day he was involved in a terrorist plan with another Lebanese, Kadour Ahmed Honeim, to blow up the Israeli Embassy with a car bomb.

The plan went awry when Honeim, who was driving a car loaded with 100 kilos of plastic explosives, was prevented by police from parking in front of the embassy building.

The car bomb exploded 200 meters from the embassy as Honeim was driving off, killing himself and two Cypriots, a man and a woman, and wounding 15 other Cypriots.

The lethal car was traced to Hawilo, and he was picked up by the police less than an hour after the blast.

Police also found an attaché case near the scene, containing a remote-control detonating device with Hawilo's fingerprints.

His detailed confession about his role in the bungled bombing, contained no expression of remorse.

Pride

"We have nothing against the Cypriot people, but I am proud for any blow against Zionism, as we did in Cyprus," Hawilo declared at the very end of his two-page confession, which was read in court by an official.

Hawilo's trial on two charges of manslaughter and two of possessing and carrying explosives illegally, lasted only three hours after he pleaded guilty. It consisted of an opening statement by the prosecution, which included Hawilo's confession, and a plea for mitigation by his defence lawyer.

Hawilo, a youth of medium height and slim build, with a thin moustache and beard, sat impassively in the dock listening to the Greek court proceedings through an Arabic interpreter.

He said in his confession that he joined the Islamic Jihad while living in Beirut two years ago. He arrived in Cyprus March 21, on orders from his superior, Hassan Al Askar, who gave him \$20,000 telling him his mission was to destroy Israeli embassy.



Flood survivors wait in queue for relief supplies outside a refugee camp in eastern Bangladesh. (Reuter wirephoto)

Thousands homeless in Bangladesh floods

NABINAGAR, Bangladesh, July 18. (Reuter) Thousands of people in Bangladesh have been made homeless by floods that have killed at least 150.

Swollen rivers have washed away land, homes and crops, witnesses said.

"The river is my worst enemy. It has swallowed all my property and it still looks hungry," said Srinivash Shaha, a farmer and fisherman.

He said monsoon floods on the Meghna River had destroyed all his crops and his home.

Amulets

The 20,000 families living near the river bank in Nabinagar and neighbouring rural districts are hit by floods and erosion almost every year.

"We have no protection against the calamities," said local council chairman Abdul Khair.

He said the Meghna had swept away at least 5,000 families in the past three years and threatened

to dislodge 1,000 or more families this year.

In Chandpur district, 100 km (60 miles) south-east of the capital, Dhaka, villagers for several months have thrown silver and bronze amulets into the Meghna in the hope of saving their homes.

"We don't discourage the villagers since we also can't do anything for them," a local official said recently.

Officials at the government-run River Research Institute said they did not know how many people were affected by erosion nation-wide.

The central flood monitoring unit in Dhaka said today that floodwaters were receding from most areas and some of the 80,000 people housed in relief camps had already gone home.

The flooded areas face acute shortages of food, drinking water and other supplies, officials told reporters.

US-Japan tensions waning

Shultz to hold crucial talks

TOKYO, July 18. (Reuter) Secretary of State George Shultz arrived today for talks with Japanese officials at a time when US officials see bilateral tensions lessening over two major issues — defence and trade.

Trade has been a highly contentious subject between the two allies.

But they recently settled several disputes, including one over beef and citrus imports, and figures released last week showed the US trade deficit with Japan had narrowed from \$4.4 billion in April to \$4.1 billion in May.

Differences

"All of this has led to a change in the trend lines in trade with Japan," a senior US official told reporters aboard Shultz's US Air Force jet en route from Seoul.

"We are in a better position than we have been for quite a while. Things are moving in the right direction," he said.

The official, who briefed reporters on the condition he was not identified, predicted the

overall US trade deficit with Japan, which was about 60 billion dollars in 1987, would decline by five to \$10 billion in 1988.

But while the deficit is down, he said he still expected Shultz to touch on trade differences such as medical supplies and legal services when he meets Japanese officials including Prime Minister Takeshita tomorrow.

Spending

"In the long run, I don't ever expect us to be in balance with Japan but I expect us to be in surplus with some others (countries)," the official said.

He had a similarly upbeat view about Japan's contribution to Western defence.

The United States in recent years has aggressively pressed Japan and other allies to increase their share of the security burden, arguing that Washington was forced to pay too much of the military bill.

But the senior US official, asked for the State Department's

latest assessment of Japan's defence effort, said: "We are happy now with the level of increase the Japanese are showing year after year."

Japan, with a military budget of about \$30 billion, has increased defence spending by an average of 5-6 per cent annually over the past 15 years, the official said.

"It's a lot better than the US average over the same period and certainly better than Europe," he said, adding that one could not ignore Tokyo's contribution of 40 per cent of the cost of maintaining 60,000 American troops in Japan.

Issues

He said that with the military budget issue essentially resolved, the United States and Japan were focusing on broader security cooperation.

This includes Japan's funding for a new navigation system in the Gulf, its support for multinational forces in the Sinai, its promise to heavily underwrite a

new multi-billion dollar aid programme for the Philippines and its increasingly dominant role as donor of economic aid worldwide.

In his meetings on Tuesday, Shultz is expected to discuss a Philippine aid package, new efforts to negotiate an end to the Vietnamese occupation in Kampuchea, and South Korea's recent initiative to increase contacts with the communist North.

The US official said the United States welcomed Japan's recent aggressive new involvement in international affairs and did not fear that Tokyo would take over the US role as a leader and key ally of Western democracies.

Earlier in a speech before the Korean newspaper editors association, Shultz praised South Korea's push for full democracy but warned it must defend itself from "the still acute threat of armed attack from the North."

North Korea "has done more than merely menace the South," he said.

Heat wave kills 290 in China

BEIJING, July 18. (AP) A heat wave that has baked Chinese cities along the Yangtze River since the beginning of July has killed 290 elderly people in the southern city of Nanchang, a Shanghai daily said today.

The Wenhui Bao said temperatures in Nanchang, capital of Jiangxi province, have soared to 38 degrees Celsius (100 degrees Fahrenheit) every day during the month.

It said the city of about one million people has opened normally closed grassy areas and underground shelters to help people seeking relief from the heat.

The daily also said Shanghai hospitals have treated one million people for heat-related illnesses during the current heat wave. Emergency centres have treated 40 per cent more patients than usual and the city has earmarked 100,000 yuan (\$27,000) for cooling facilities in hospital delivery and baby care units.

The China Daily also said today that Shanghai's 12 million residents have packed movie theatres and department stores, among the few buildings with air-conditioning, as temperatures have hovered between 35-38 degrees C (95-100 F) over the past 10 days.

It said city vendors are selling 500,000 yuan (\$135,000) of cold drinks and 10,000 tons of water-melon every day.

In neighbouring Jiangsu province, temperatures in the past 10 days have ranged between 38-40 degrees C (100-104 F), seriously endangering crops in one of China's main grain-producing areas.

The daily said high temperatures and humidity in Beijing have caused a rapid growth of flies and mosquitoes, and malaria cases jumped 23 per cent in the last 10 days of June and 53.4 per cent in the first 10 days of July.

Policemen jailed for torturing prisoners

BEIJING, July 18. (UPI) A court in central Henan province sentenced six police officers to prison terms ranging from two years to life for torturing a suspect to death, the official China Legal News said today.

The human rights organisation Amnesty International reported last year that communist party officials and security units brutalised prisoners, suspects in criminal investigations and political dissidents. China is a signatory to the UN convention against torture.

The incident occurred last October when police in Xinxiang county, some 600 km south of Beijing, arrested Li Rongcheng, director of a factory run by the town's No. 19 middle school on suspicion of throwing sulphuric acid in the face of a local resident, the newspaper said.

On Dec 17, five police officers acting under the direction of deputy section chief Wang Weiyong took Li to the offices of the No. 2 police detachment for interrogation.

"In a bid to extort a confession and with the instigation and participation of Wang Weiyong, the police tortured Li for 18 hours," the paper said.

"They bound him, hung him up, used electric shocks and beat him viciously, causing his death the next morning."

The Xinxiang city people's procuratorate brought charges against six for extorting a confession of torture and causing a death, China Legal News said.

Gesture to mark Eid festival

Kabul offers safety to rebels

ISLAMABAD, July 18. (Reuter) The Soviet-backed Afghan government has offered rebels safety and fun if they come home for a Muslim festival of Eid Al Adha next week, the official Bakhtar news agency said today.

It quoted a presidential announcement as saying the rebels would be welcome to Kabul and other towns to celebrate the Eid Al Adha festival with their families — but only if they left their weapons behind.

"They may also pass the Eid festival with their friends in an atmosphere of peace, brotherhood and reconciliation," it said.

The announcement said security forces had been told to ensure the safety of the visitors. Towns and villages had been ordered to plan entertainment for them.

The Western-backed guerrillas have stepped up their attacks in recent weeks as the Soviet Union began withdrawing its more than 100,000 troops from

Afghanistan on May 15 under UN-mediated accords signed in April.

The guerrillas have rejected the accords and vowed to fight until the last Soviet soldier leaves and the present Kabul government of President Najibullah is overthrown.

Meanwhile, the flow of arms and ammunition from Pakistan into Afghanistan has slowed since the Geneva accords came into effect in May, Afghan guerrilla chief Burhanuddin Rabbani said on Sunday.

Rabbani, who heads the biggest of the mujahideen guerrilla groups, Jamiat-e Islami, said the supply had not stopped but there were delays.

However, Afghan experts say there are plenty of arms stockpiled inside Afghanistan after being moved across the border before or just after the Geneva accords became operative on May 15.

Throughout the nine-year Afghan conflict, Pakistan has

been the main conduit for supplying the mujahideen with arms and other supplies, principally from the United States.

Under the Geneva accords signed in April, Islamabad and Kabul pledged to cease interference in each other's affairs.

The Soviet Union, as guarantor with the United States of the accords, promised to withdraw its 100,000-plus troops from Afghanistan by Feb 15 next year.

"When they signed in Geneva, we knew that they would not continue the same co-operation as before," said Rabbani.

Speaking in an interview, he said: "If the Soviets really stop helping the mujahideen can continue the war until the destruction of the government in Kabul. If the Soviets continue their help it will be difficult for the mujahideen."

A guerrilla field commander just back from fighting in eastern Afghanistan said his group had been plagued by supply problems.

Filipino rebels reject peace talks with government

MANILA, July 18. (AP) Communist rebels today rejected new peace talks with President Corason Aquino's government, charging the administration merely wanted to trap leaders of the 19-year-old insurgency.

The rejection came hours after rebels killed a provincial official, and another guerrilla spokesman warned of more killings until the government prosecutes human rights violations in the military.

In a statement sent by courier to news agencies, the general command of the rebel New People's Army claimed the Aquino government had no credibility following the collapse of peace talks last year.

The rejection, in contrast to a third rebel group's proposal for talks, came after a call last week by the Catholic bishops' conference of the Philippines for the government and the rebels to accept a new truce and revive

peace talks.

Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos immediately opposed the call, saying it would only give the rebels time to regroup. Aquino said she would agree to new peace talks if the rebels made the first move.

"We cannot ... respond positively to a call for a new ceasefire that will mean the annihilation of the revolutionary movement and its mass base," the rebel statement said.

Killing

It accused Aquino's government of lacking sincerity, saying "the government and the military establishment sought to lay down ... a trap that played on the good faith of the leaders of the revolutionary movement."

Earlier two gunmen who claimed to be rebels barged into a government office in Lucena, 110

kilometers southeast of Manila, and shot dead city councillor Donald Alfaro, 54, police said.

Police quoted witnesses as saying the gunmen disarmed the victim's bodyguards and told office workers they were members of the New People's Army.

Alfaro was a member of the local peace and order council, a government group organised to help the military curb rebel infiltration of local neighborhoods.

Members of such groups have in the past been targeted for assassination by the rebels.

In Manila, Arnel Sandoval, spokesman for the rebel Alex Boncayao Brigade, justified attacks on police, soldiers and government officials by claiming the government had failed to prosecute human rights violators in the armed forces and dismantle structures left over from the administration of ousted President Ferdinand Marcos.

Egyptian fundamentalists win appeal

Militants granted bail

CAIRO, July 18. (Reuter) Three Egyptians charged with belonging to a clandestine revolutionary group which attacked US and Israeli officials in Cairo won their appeal to be released on bail today.

Presiding Judge Salah El Din Gaddallah told a south Cairo court that defendants Mahmoud Youssef Gomaa and Osama Ahmed Mohammed Khalil, a former Air Force officer, could be released on bail of 500 pounds (\$220).

Attack

Hamed Mohammed Ibrahim Moustapha, a former Army officer, was granted bail of 2,000 pounds (\$870).

Bail was refused to another 11 defendants in Egypt's most sensitive security case, due to come to trial in October.

Twenty Egyptians, including a son of the late President Jamal Abdel Nasser, are accused of forming a clandestine group called "Egypt's Revolution" which claimed responsibility for woun-

ding an Israeli diplomat in 1984 and killing two Israeli diplomats in 1985 and 1986.

Group members also shot and wounded two US embassy security men as they drove to work in May 1987.

Defendants charged "Allah Akbar" in the crowded courtroom and principal defendant Mahmoud Nouredine said, "God be with us" as he congratulated his three colleagues on winning their appeal.

The "Egypt's Revolution" case has aroused passions in Cairo because of the involvement of Khaled Abdel Nasser, the late president's elder son, who is in self-exile in Yugoslavia.

Controversy

It has also raised controversy over Egypt's 1979 US-brokered peace treaty with Israel.

Defence lawyers, stating that Israel cannot be a friendly country to Arab Egypt, have publicly described the defendants as national heroes and said that killing Israeli agents is legitimate.

Prosecution lawyers have demanded the death sentence for 11 defendants, including two of the three granted bail.

Meanwhile, three members of the Islamic Jihad organisation, who escaped from a tight-security prison in Cairo were still at large today, as a state of full emergency was declared throughout the country.

The Jihad organisation planned the assassination of late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in 1981.

The Egyptian authorities formed 12 search teams to hunt the escaped prisoners and also sent photographs of the three to all of the country's exit points.

The three escapes have made several break out attempts, the last of which was two months ago as the prison guards thwarted that attempt and transferred the prisoners to tighter security cells.

Security sources said that the escaped prisoners were able to wrestle four guards to the ground and seized two machine guns and fled the high-tech prison.

Fraser looking for Commonwealth job

SYDNEY, Australia, July 18. (AP) Former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser today announced his interest to become secretary-general of the 47-member Commonwealth of nations, a grouping of Britain and its former colonies.

Fraser, speaking on Australian television, said Prime Minister Bob Hawke's support was important and increased his chances of winning the position.

"Nobody's going to get it if their own government is against them," Fraser said.

The secretary-general is elected by the heads of government of Commonwealth nations.

Hawke, leader of Labour Party government since 1983, has been one of Fraser's fiercest political opponents, but has expressed support for him as Commonwealth secretary-general.

Fraser, Prime Minister of the Conservative Liberal-National

Party coalition from 1975 to 1983, is an outspoken critic of apartheid policies in South Africa.

Apartheid establishes a racially segregated society in which South Africa's blacks have no vote in national affairs. The whites control the economy and maintain separate districts, schools and health services.

Pretoria withdrew from the organisation in 1961 over opposition to its apartheid policies.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher could prevent Fraser from becoming secretary-general by vetoing the nomination.

Over the years, Fraser has differed with Thatcher over the issue of apartheid.

Shridath Ramphal, a former foreign minister of Guyana, has been secretary-general for the past decade. His term expires next year.

Infant found in a bush

BRISBANE, July 18. (AP) A two-year-old boy ate insects and sucked on wet foliage to stay alive while missing for five days in rugged bush country populated by wild pigs, snakes and crocodiles, police said today.

Eric Taylor was found Sunday, naked but suffering only from dehydration and scratches. He was expected to be released from the hospital later today.

The boy clad in only diapers and an undershirt had apparently wandered on Wednesday from his family's farm, which is

surrounded by heavily-wooded terrain about 20 miles south of Cooktown in far northern Queensland state.

Eric grinned and held out his arms when he was discovered by rescue workers 400 yards up a mountain track and more than a mile from his home.

Nearly 300 people, including Aboriginal trackers, took part in the search.

Police said they had feared Eric tumbled into the crocodile-infested Tannon River, which flows near his home.

TURKISH EMBASSY ANNOUNCEMENT

A reception will be held on the first day of Eid-Al-Adha at the embassy premises for the Turkish community from 11 am to 12 noon.

Attempt to rob money exchange office fails

By Jadranka Porter

AN attempt to rob a money exchange office on Sunday night in Kuwait's suburb of Mughab failed as the thieves who managed to break into the main strongroom were unable to open the safe.

Closed

The Iz Company for Exchange branch office near the Mughab mosque was closed yesterday morning while the police were investigating, but it reopened for business in the afternoon.

The company spokesman declined to disclose the amount of money deposited in the safe at the time of the incident but indicated that it could have been

anything between KD5,000 and KD50,000.

The crime was discovered yesterday morning by the company staff. The thieves broke the grille on the back window to enter the office and smashed down the aluminium door of what is supposed to be a fireproof and burglarproof room.

Tried

They tried but failed to open the safe, said the spokesman. He did not know of any similar incidents in the past but residents in the area said that several restaurants in the vicinity of the exchange office had been broken into.

The Iz Company for Exchange is a subsidiary of Kuwait Investment and Finance Company.

Centre conducts research on education

DR Essa Jasssem the director of the educational research centre of the Ministry of Education said that the centre was the first of its kind to be established in the Arab countries in 1974.

The centre is a scientific and educational institution entrusted with the preparation of educational studies and developing educational policies for the ministry, he added.

Conducting

According to statistics, 300 studies and researches focused on curricula, text books, teaching methods, and educational training including various school activities. The centre is now conducting about 50 new educational researches and studies, the official disclosed.

He pointed out that representatives of the centre took part in 60 committees set up to develop the curriculum. The centre submitted 30 working papers to these committees which focused on different educational issues and supervised ten training courses for teachers and headmasters besides participating in the

evaluation of 250 similar courses, he said.

Dr Jasssem added that lecturers from the centre lectured at 20 courses and the centre provided the Education Ministry with 50 educational documents related to several theories and scientific opinions.

The centre conducted 20 joint studies and projects with Arab Educational Office of the Arab Gulf states and the Arab Centre for Educational Research and the studies were accepted by a number of educational institutions in the Gulf states, he disclosed.

Services

Dr Jasssem announced that the centre offers its services to researchers specially students of the faculty of education of Kuwait University and students of the faculty of higher studies. Further, the centre also exchanged information with Arab and international educational research bodies and was recently selected to supervise the educational magazine of the ministry, he said.

Japan in talks with Oman on navigation system

MUSCAT, July 18, (AP): A Japanese delegation today probed with Omani officials Tokyo's plans to finance an enhanced pan-Gulf navigation system following similar talks in other countries of the region.

Western diplomatic sources said that they expected the plan to go ahead because there has been positive response to Tokyo's proposal from other Gulf countries.

Leader of the parliamentary delegation, Koji Omi, said a day

earlier in Abu Dhabi that Tehran officials did not reject the project though they did not think it would help secure navigation in the Gulf against the perils of their nearly eight-year-old war with Iraq.

Announced

Japan has offered to provide an estimated \$10 million to fund the setting up of the British-designed Hyperfix microwave navigation system, developed by the electronics company Racal.

running from Oman to Kuwait in the form of a network of a minimum of 24 solar-powered radio beacon sites.

Unmanned

It is Japan's contribution to the multinational effort that the United States spearheaded last year to help safeguard navigation in the waterway against the menace of ship attacks and mining by Iran in retaliation for Iraqi strikes on its own vital oil shipping lanes.

The diplomatic sources, who spoke on condition they not be named, said that the Japanese-funded system would provide for unmanned and virtually maintenance-free beacons. Given the go-ahead, the period from agreement to start up could be around a month, they said.

Shipping sources said Hyperfix would not stop ships being attacked but would provide valuable navigational back-up in the event of equipment being destroyed in a hit.

Common electricity grid

BAHRAIN, July 18, (Reuters): The six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) said yesterday it was studying a \$1.6 billion project to link the electrical power systems of member states.

Jamil Al Alawi, chairman of the GCC electrical interconnection committee, said a pre-feasibility study was complete and eight consulting companies had been invited to submit proposals by Sept 17.

A study to determine design, cost and financing would last 18 months, Alawi said.

The project would have to be approved by each government—Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman—before work begins in the mid-1990s.

Alawi said the grid connecting the states would guarantee power supplies in the six in cases of emergency.

Training programme

THE Ministry of Commerce and Industry has formed a working committee in co-operation with the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training to present a comprehensive training plan to all ministry employees in different work locations and posts.

The plan aims at qualifying employees and developing their working levels according to the general policy for administrative development followed by the ministry. It consists of a comprehensive educational curriculum for certain specialties and continuous training courses to increase employees' experience.

The committee has started some personal interviews with assistant under-secretaries, directors and supervisors to canvass their opinions on the issue. Questionnaires have been distributed among employees to ascertain the type of courses required to execute the plan.

Virulent bacteria

DR Youssef Mal Allah, a specialist in venereal diseases and dermatology, has told a local daily that the bacteria in venereal and skin diseases are more virulent in the summer months due to the higher temperatures and humidity which provide the right conditions for them to multiply and spread.

He said that herpes and AIDS could be contracted through sexual intercourse and mentioned two other venereal diseases, gonorrhoea and syphilis, the latter of which could prove fatal as a result of its effects on the nervous system. Dr Youssef therefore reiterated the importance of avoiding sexual promiscuity in order to control the spread of these diseases.

On the subject of skin diseases, he said that some could be transmitted sexually and others through contact with items used by infected persons, such as articles of clothing.

He pointed out that about 40 new tanks have arrived in "Jezze" to be ready for thrusting into eastern Sidon when the time has come.

The official added that another plan proposed by Shomron suggests that Israeli troops head for Sidon port and Zahran port to the south of it in a bid to encircle Sidon and Ein Al Hilweh camp.

He did not exclude the possibility that the Israeli intelligence could fabricate an accident against Israel's interests to justify the pre-planned attack on the camp.

Officials in Tel Aviv, who believe that the time has come to be on the offensive against the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab lands, consider that a military operation against Ein Al Hilweh camp is a necessary step in this context.

They further believe that the operation might end up in an agreement to evacuate thousands of Palestinians from the camp without having to storm it.

The official affirmed that the US backed this operation after it was approached by the Israelis.

According to the information, between 15 and 20 thousand Israeli soldiers will take part in this expected attack.

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Yet, he affirmed that the Israelis are aware of the strength of the Palestinian resistance, which will be very violent.

12 new schools opened

THE director of Al Ahmadi educational area Abdullah Al Luqman officially announced the opening of 12 new schools east of Fintas and Al Daher areas and added that Ahmadi areas future educational plans include establishing other schools in Qura and Fintas to match the rise in population.

Criticised

The director expressed happiness of general secondary results in both arts and science sections. He criticised cheating at exams and praised the ministry's efforts to eradicate this phenomenon.

Al Luqman commented that he preferred the credit hours system to the bi-semester. He said the credit hours system is comprehensive and is considered more suitable to match students interests.

Provided

The official said that the summer clubs are an objective educational programme which provided students with the opportunity to engage themselves constructively during the long summer vacations.

He added that educational areas are keen to provide students with the proper atmosphere and in this connection providing schools with air-conditioners is being reviewed at the government level.



Kuwait's Education Minister and Acting Higher Education Minister, Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri, on Sunday received at his office the members of the cultural activities committee at summer club for boys of Al Ahmadi educational area and discussed with them educational issues in general and the summer clubs activities in particular.

Palestinians fear Israeli attack on camp

A RANKING Palestinian official in Ain Al Hilweh refugee camp in South Lebanon has told a Kuwaiti daily that PLO had received confirmed reports of an imminent Israeli military operation against his camp.

In a statement to "Al Qabas" published yesterday, the unidentified official said that Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Israeli Chief of Staff General Dan Shomron flew in a helicopter last week in a reconnaissance mission over areas that Israeli military operations would take place.

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Design and supervision

AN official source at the Ministry of Public Works has said that the design division of the construction projects administration at the ministry undertakes the design and supervision of various government projects.

The source said that the division had been assigned a number of tasks and listed them as the study of construction sites; preparation of project pre-development studies, designs and working drawings; participation in the evaluation of submitted tenders; contribution to the enforcement of ministry standard specifications; recommendations of qualified consultants and the provision of budget estimates of construction costs of government projects.

The source pointed out that the division shouldered the responsibility for laying down the bases for the national urbanisation process, which was the true reflection of the country's advancement level.

Sheikh Sabah meets ministers

ACTING Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah received yesterday Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Razzak Yousef Al Abdul Razzak, Minister of Finance Jasssem Al Khorafi, Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Al Rifai, and Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Al Mazidi and lawyer Ahmad Al Otobi member of the Higher Planning Council.

Sheikh Sabah also received the Somali ambassador to Kuwait. Sheikh Sabah told journalists that the Somali diplomat conveyed to him a message from his country's foreign minister on bilateral relations.

Acting Premier and Foreign Minister also met Canadian ambassador to Kuwait on the occasion of ending his diplomatic mission in Kuwait.

NHA signs 3 contracts

THE National Housing Authority (NHA) had recently signed three contracts with Lere local consultants for the supervision of construction time schedules for various housing projects currently under progress.

The assistant director-general of the NHA Abdul Karim Al Fouzan said that the NHA agreements with the consultants included the provision of technical support and guidance of its staff and these consultants would submit daily and weekly reports to the higher housing administration.

The official said the lay-out plans of the Om Al Haiman housing project were being reconsidered as a vast portion of the "Project" site contained populated buildings and projects should normally be constructed on vacant sites.

Al Fouzan stressed the intention of NHA to utilise the existing buildings and services in the area and that construction would follow the preparation of a new site lay-out plan.

Exhibition on uprising

THE Palestinian Uprising Week, organised by the National Union of Kuwait Students, university branch, opened on Saturday and will continue till Thursday.

The exhibition, at the university campus in Khaldiya, is being held under the patronage of the chairman of the International Islamic Charitable Foundation, Youssef Al Hajji.

The exhibition consists of several pavilions containing pictures on the uprising, cuttings from the Kuwaiti press and Arabic and foreign books dealing with the uprising in addition to some cassettes, handicrafts, and other items offered for sale in support of the uprising.

A responsible source called upon people to visit and support the week's activities which

Seminar held on Arab Loaf Day

KUWAIT National Committee for World Food Day organised a seminar recently to mark the Arab Loaf Day.

Speaking at the seminar the secretary-general of the Agronomists Society Mohammed Al Fayed said the importance of the loaf in the life of the human being in general and in the life of Arab people in particular rested not only in its nutritional value, but in its importance as an economic and strategic commodity.

The secretary-general added that "a lack of the loaf would create political problems".

Dr Jaleel Qarouni from Kuwait Flour Mills Company also speaking at the seminar explained the various production stages of the Arab loaf and the problems encountered in its manufacturing process.

Dr Mohammed Rabeia from the Ministry of Public Health said the bread industry in Arab countries depended mainly on the cultivation of wheat and

called for enhanced wheat cultivation and utilising a greater part of Arab lands for this purpose. He also cited the nutritional value of bread as containing a high percentage of protein.

Rabeia highlighted the importance of the Arab bread and its ingredients and differentiated between brown and white bread. Brown bread contains mineral salts and fibers and scientific experiments have proved its importance for fighting diseases in general and cancer in particular.

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ROYAL COURT

Amiri audience

HH the Amir yesterday received the Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Al Mazidi on his return from Pakistan. Al Mazidi delivered a message from the Amir to Pakistan's President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

The Amir also received yesterday the ambassadors of Canada and France who took permission to leave the country at the end of their missions here.

Amiri cable

HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations yesterday to Yemen Arab Republic President Colonel Ali Abdullah Saleh on the occasion of his re-election. HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister also sent a similar cable.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

A successful visit

A LOCAL daily yesterday said that the six-day official visit of HH the Crown Prince and Premier to the United States "crowned relations of co-operation between the two friendly countries."

"It is enough for the American administration officials and Congress to come out with a good impression about Kuwait as an independent state of distinguished stands in oil respects, to say that the visit was successful and achieved its objectives of oil levels and in all forms," the Al Rai Al Asa said.

The newspaper said the United States and Kuwait have so many issues of mutual concern which call for dialogue and discussion including the Palestinian crisis and the Iraq-Iran war.

The newspaper quoted an American administration official, whom it did not name, as saying that Sheikh Sabah succeeded in conveying an honest picture of the current situation in the Middle East and the Gulf region and in determining the steps and available channels of work for confronting the situation and achieving security and stability for the national interest of all.

Concluding, the newspaper said the Kuwaiti delegation heard from the American officials and Congressmen "the kind of talks that breed confidence and pride and portrays the appreciation and respect the senior American officials harbour for Kuwait."

Study done before raising tuition fees

EDUCATIONAL officials are currently engaged in the preparation of requirements for the new academic year.

The Assistant Undersecretary for Private Education at the Ministry of Education Dr Yaqoub Al Sharrar said that the ministry had conducted a study on uniforms of both private Arabic and foreign schools.

Aspects

The financial, administrative and social aspects had been taken into consideration before taking a decision on uniforms, he said.

The official added that the ministry had conducted another study which dealt with the unification of contracts of teachers at private schools. This study was in co-ordination with private schools union, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

On the increase of tuition fees, he said that the increase had been thoroughly investigated and had been designed to meet the increasing expenses incurred by the schools during the last year.

He confirmed that subsidies to private schools was aimed at encouraging schools to enhance their services and activities and added that a review on the subject is underway.

Al Sharrar disclosed that the ministry had no intention to cancel the subsidies, but was reviewing the policy in the light of the schools' requirements and added that many schools were given no subsidy last year.

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Iraq has reservations

(Continued from Page 1) spokesman Dan Howard said. "We hope that Iran follows through with it."

A top US congressman said the US fleet might withdraw from the Gulf if Iran and Iraq implemented a ceasefire.

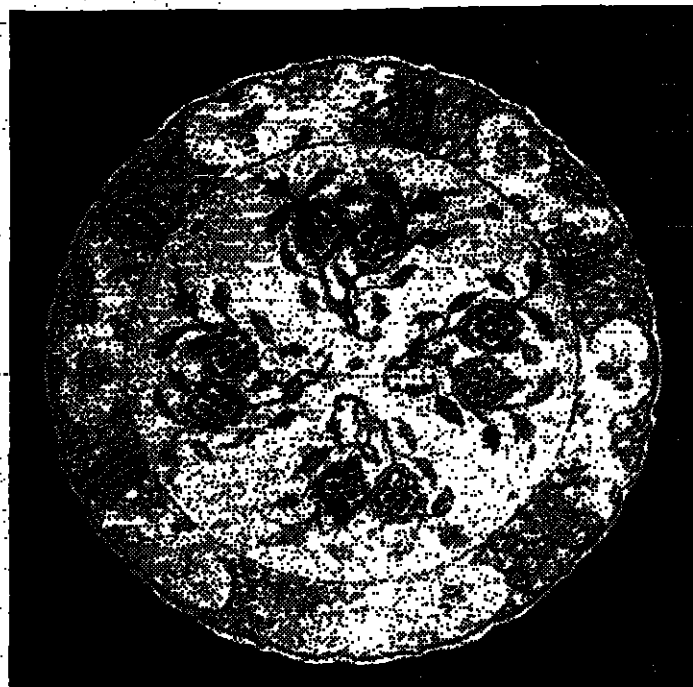
"Maybe we can get the ball out of here now," Representative William Dickinson, senior Republican on the House Armed Services Committee, said. "If they (Iran and Iraq) stop shooting up those tankers, we've got no business being over here."

"Our whole purpose over here is to protect the tankers against piracy or attack from the two belligerents. And if they're not firing at each other, then we have no purpose in being here in a warlike stance," said the Alabama Republican, on a tour to visit US forces in the Gulf.

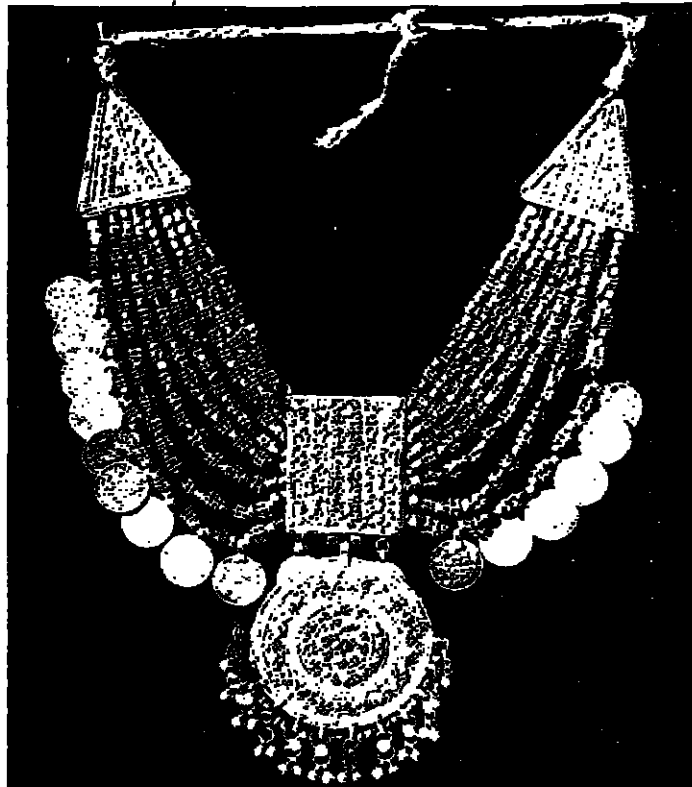
Predict Howard refused to predict whether or when the US Navy might be able to pull any of its 27 ships out of the region, but he pointed out that "we have always said we would maintain a force consistent with the threat."

Tareq Rajab Museum

A small cultural oasis



An Iznik plate, Turkey, 18th C.



A Yemeni wedding necklace, 18th C.

"We should all produce at least one personal work of art with our own hands, to pass on to the next generation and to keep our hands and minds creative," says Jehan Rajab, co-founder of the Tareq Rajab Museum. A small cultural oasis, it is packed with well-displayed artefacts including Islamic pottery, illuminated Qurans and manuscripts, Islamic glass, Omani and Yemeni daggers, textiles and costumes from the Arab and Muslim world, musical instruments and 19th century Arab furniture.

The museum is the private collection of Tareq and Jehan Rajab. Tareq's interest in antiques and art began early, at the age of 14, when he bought 25 manuscripts on a trip to Baghdad. Tareq Rajab is acknowledged as a foremost expert on the development of Qurans, manuscripts and illuminations. The museum displays major Arab scripts including the *Kufic*, a monumental script which took its name from the town of Kufa in Iraq — one of the earliest centres of Islamic learning; the *Naksh*, a cursive style developed in the first part of the 10th century and outstanding for its clarity; and several other scripts of the Muslim East, such as *Muhaqqaq*, *Thuluth* and *Rayhani*.

Symbols
Historically, the alphabet is only some 3,000 years old and can be traced to Semites trading in the Mediterranean. It is thought that Phoenician traders were the first to have simplified ancient Egyptian symbols and used them to represent consonants. The people of Arabia first came in touch with the alphabet through *Aramae*, its usage being developed by the Nabateans of Petra (Jordan, 106 AD) and Palmyra (273 AD).

Modern Arabic script is descended from those Nabatean scripts and the Arabs have never been surpassed as calligraphers, even by the Chinese. Tareq Rajab explains that this is probably because the written arts were slow in

developing. For example the Quran was passed down through memory and recitation. But when it was written, it was done well. He said: "What they thought was, that since the Revelation had to be written down, then the written record should have as powerful and awesome a beauty as that of the spoken word."

The museum displays some spectacular manuscripts and Qurans including several 14th century Mamluk manuscripts and examples of Ottoman calligraphy and illuminations where gold and blue colours were used profusely.

"The civilization of Islam, being so widespread, is made up of many peoples and cultures which are obviously different in detail from one another. At the same time they bear the same unmistakable print of Islam," explains Tareq

Rajab. Apart from manuscripts the Tareq Rajab museum has one of the largest collection of traditional ethnic jewellery from all over the Arab and Islamic world — some 5,000 pieces. Jewellery from Tibet, Nepal and China are also in the collection.

The collection of silver folk jewellery is interesting from a social point of view because as in the modern world, people in the ancient world also moved around a great deal, and so one can see how influences travelled. Craftsmen particularly migrated, taking with them their techniques and ideas.

Tareq Rajab says that many craftsmen were Sufis — mystics of Islam. They considered "retreat" or "Khalwani" to be expressed through work in the arts or sciences, consequently

several craftsmen were initiates of a Sufi order. One of the most valuable pieces of jewellery in the collection is a decorative jade and gold brooch which belonged to the first Moghul emperor in India.

"The extent of contrast between the sub-continent and the Middle East, as with China, is not yet fully understood, but there was certainly some exchange of knowledge. It is likely that their techniques influenced the Middle East or at least part of it, and the influence was returned when the Muslim Moghuls conquered the sub-continent in the 16th century."

The Rajabs acquired artefacts for their collection from private dealers and bought others at auctions, such as Sotheby's.

Pottery

Tareq Rajab sometimes finds some pieces in the Middle East and they are considerably "less expensive because the value of art history in this part of the world is still not fully realised. It is a pity that there is not more knowledge and appreciation in this field." He feels that "even in the education system, nowadays the emphasis is on technology and computers rather than the arts."

All the exhibits at the museum are categorised and displayed in several rooms in a



Shirrah, daily wear dress, from N.E. Jordan.

building with ornate archways, inner courtyard amid ceramic tile and plants.

Islamic pottery exhibits includes some interesting ware from China, with which the Muslim world had contact through the silk route. The Muslims contributed greatly to ceramics, especially to the art of glazing.

Tareq Rajab says the early Muslims, fascinated by the Chinese porcelain, tried to make their pots appear similar and invented the "tin glaze", which is now common around the world. They also contributed the "blue glaze", later copied by the Chinese. As the use of gold on ceramic ware was forbidden in Islam, Muslims developed "lustre glaze, using various metals and copper to simulate gold."

The museum also displays a collection of Islamic glass, demonstrating the tradition and continuity of glass making in the Middle East. One of the most impressive pieces at the museum is a mosque lamp from the Mamluk period, dated 15th century AD. A section of the museum is devoted to Arab furniture and some examples of Islamic metalwork such as an Egyptian chest dating from the 19th century.

Costumes

Arab and Muslim costumes and textiles are the particular love of Jehan Rajab, who has researched and written several articles on the subject. There is an amazing richness and diversity in costumes, she says. Costumes were practical and functional. There are head-dresses and veils of every description on view at the museum.

Musical instruments are also on show. Stringed instruments and drums from places as far apart as Morocco to China, India to Syria, are displayed.

The Tareq Rajab Museum displays a priceless, educational collection. Says Tareq Rajab: "We consider ourselves as educationalists; the value of our exhibits is in their historical background, rather than their rarity. We hope we have contributed a little in opening peoples eyes to the rich artistic heritage of the Arab and Islamic World."

Courtesy: Kuwait Digest



The Tareq Rajab Museum displays a rich collection of ethnic jewellery. Above: bedu jewellery from Sinai

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

German Painting Exhibition

An exhibition of German paintings at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel, open daily until July 20. More than 30 paintings, representing the work of a group of German artists known as The Blue Rider, will be shown in the Hilton's lobby. The show has been organised by the German Embassy in Kuwait.

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

SOCIAL

German-speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer

months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

Onam Festival

The Viswabharathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314311; Thomas Perumpilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Paradayil — 2422973.

D'Assisi Association

The association will hold a social evening-cum-variety show on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am), 3717346 (pm) or Augustin 5746754, after 6 pm.

Summer Belle 88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The

gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

IAC Ghazal Evening

The Indian Arts Circle (IAC) will hold a ghazal-cum-dance evening to celebrate Eio Al Adha on July 28, 7.30 pm. IAC members and their guests are welcome. For entry passes call IAC — 3904817.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

HOTELS

At the Sheraton

Mangoes in the coffee shop: dishes featuring the mango will be offered for a week.

Dine in the Riccardo restaurant to enjoy Italian cuisine; music by the Sienna Duo.

Every Sunday, enjoy Lebanese cuisine at the Al Hambra, which features seafood specialties every Wednesday night. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers authentic English atmosphere and features a selection of the best

grilled food; music by the solo harpist, Harp Dreams

At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a lunch and dinner buffet cycle featuring a variety of Arabic and international dishes, soups, mezzes, salads and desserts to suit all tastes. Open daily from 6.30 am to midnight. Beat the summer heat at the La Patisserie, offering ice cream creations, fresh fruit juice and fruit cocktail creations. Open daily from 10.30 am to 10.45 pm. In the evenings, listen to piano music played by the in-house pianist Richard.

At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features grilled specialties. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine. The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

At the Ramada

El Bender coffee shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also featured.

The take-away counter, open daily from 4 pm to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

The Lobby Lounge offers a selection of coffee, tea, juice, cakes and pastries.

At the Holiday Inn
Tropical melon delights are being promoted in various outlets at the hotel ... Al Ahmadi coffee shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also offered.

At the Meridian

La Brasserie, open from 12 noon to 4 pm, offers breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

SPORTS

IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning September. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the KOC ground, Ahmadi.

Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.

PBAK bowling tournament

The PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament will be held in the second week of August. All companies wishing to take part are requested to register on or before August 7 at the 300 Club. For details contact PBAK director Sarah Macarimbang — 4843447.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.30 Space Adventure: cartoons
- 10.00 Tamar Al Shok: Arabic serial, starring Tawfiq Abdul Munim Madbouli, Rashwan Tawfiq, Fatima Tabac, Ahsan Qala'awi.
- 11.00 News/Good Morning
- 11.15 Ablah Munira: Arabic serial, featuring Khalid Al Nafisi, Muna Jaber
- 12.15 Silver Spoons
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 World News via Satellite
- 1.50 Songs
- 2.30 Fursan Al Hikmah: Arabic serial.
- 3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon serial
- 4.00 World News via Satellite
- 4.20 Wa Kanat Ghalatah: Arabic play, featuring Afaf Shuaib, Mohammad Al Arabi
- 6.00 Cartoons
- 7.00 Summer 1988
- 7.15 World About Us
- 8.00 Wa Qalat Al Arab: "And the Arab Said," Daily Arabic serial.
- 8.45 Hadith Usbooh: weekly religious talk
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Rajul Fi Mahnah: Arabic serial, featuring Khalid Zaki, Laila Hamada, Nahid Rushdi.
- 10.50 Film Min Kitab: presented by Durriya Sharf Al Din, Suhail Ilyas.
- 12.35 News Summary/World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

- 4.30 Opening
- 4.35 Cartoons



Tom Selleck plays Magnum, tonight on KTV 2.

- 4.55 Live from Amman, Arab cup semifinal — Egypt vs Syria
- 7.00 The Australian Ark: "Life and Death on a Great Barrier Reef."
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 You and the Law: local programme
- 8.50 Magnum: "Murder by Night." Magnum is investigating the murder of a publisher. Starring: Tom Selleck.
- 9.30 Les Faucheurs de Marguerites: French series about aviation.
- 10.00 Perfect Strangers: "Beautiful Dreamer." Balki has a sleepless night but Larry wants to rest ...
- 10.30 Movie Night: "No Limit." Black and White feature film, starring George Formby and Florence Desmond.
- 12.08 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

- Morning
- 0800 Opening
- 0802 Songs and Music
- 0805 Thoughts in Islam
- 0830 News
- 0840 Songs and Music
- 0845 Daily Programme
- 0900 Songs and Music
- 0930 They Sold a Million
- 1000 Our Press Today
- 1005 Songs and Music
- 1100 Closedown
- 1330 News on FM Service
- Evening
- 2100 Opening
- 2102 In the Latin Mood
- 2130 News
- 2145 Point of View
- 2155 Songs and Music
- 2300 On Islam
- 2315 In the Groove
- 2345 Daily Programme
- 2300 Hit Special
- 2330 Jazz in Action
- 2400 Closedown

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newsworld
- 30 Music in Australia (ex 26th Beethoven)
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Short Story
- 45 5th and 12th The Best Day of Your Life: 19th and 26th The Seven Ages of Shakespeare
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Network UK
- 30 Pilgrim's Progress
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 5th and 26th Sportsworld: 12th and 19th Waveguide
- 25 5th and 26th Sportsworld contd: 12th and 19th Book Choice
- 30 Citizens
- 1200 Radio Newsworld
- 15 Multitrack 1: Top 20
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 7th and 14th Network UK: 45 5th and 26th Sportsworld: 12th and 19th Recording of the Week
- 1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
- 45 A Schubert Anthology
- 1500 Radio Newsworld
- 15 A Jolly Good Show
- 1600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Omnibus
- 45 The World Today

NIGHT CHEMIST

- Kuwait
- Al Watan Pharmacy
- Jawharat Al Khaleej Bldg., Fahad Al Salem St. Ibn Hayan Pharmacy
- Mubarak Al Kabir St.
- Hawalli and Nagra
- Al Haditha Pharmacy
- Othman Complex, Ibn Khaldoun St.
- Salmiya and Rumaihiya
- Al Nahda Pharmacy
- Mujammah St., F'heel
- Fahadheel and Ahmadi
- Al Khaleej Pharmacy
- Mujammah St., F'heel
- Jleeb Al Shiyoohk
- Al Ayoub Pharmacy
- Shuwaikh Commercial Centre
- Jahra
- Al Zahra Pharmacy
- New Market

CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus
- Laila Al Kabd Ala Bakaiza
- Wa Zaghloul (Arabic)
- Starring: Suhair Babli, Issad Yunus
- Al Salmiya
- Police Academy IV
- Starring: Steve Guttenberg, Bubba Smith
- Al Hamra
- Desperately Seeking Suzan
- Starring: Madonna, Karen Young
- Drive-In
- Hikayat Nisf Million Dollar (Arabic)
- Starring: Yahya Fakhriani, Iham Shahin
- Al Firdous
- Sherni (Hindi)
- Starring: Shatrughan Sinha, Sridevi
- Fahadheel Open-Air
- Shiva Shakti (Hindi)

- Starring: Shatrughan Sinha, Govinda
- Al Fahadheel
- Hand Gun
- Al Jahra
- Proinisha (Bengali)
- Granada
- Unnikale Oru Katha
- Parayam (Malayalam)
- Sulaibikhat
- Five Deadly Angels
- Al Jleeb
- Nishan (Bengali)
- Ahmedi Drive-In
- Ana (Arabic)

PRAYERS

- Fajr 3.29 am
- Zuhr 11.54
- Asr 3.29 pm
- Maghreb 6.47
- Isha 8.16

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

WE learn from history that we learn nothing from history — George Bernard Shaw, English playwright (1856-1950).

Refugees cause problems for US

By E. A. Wayne

WASHINGTON: The continued flow of refugees out of Indochina exemplifies many of the problems faced by the United States and other international donors.

Thailand, for example, has provided temporary shelter for nearly a million Indochinese refugees over the last thirteen years. But as the influx continues and the US and other countries are accepting fewer refugees for resettlement, Thai attitudes have hardened.

United Nations officials estimate that almost 200 Vietnamese died earlier this year when the Thai government rammed and pushed off refugee boats trying to enter southern Thailand.

Subsequent protests from the US and others prevailed upon the Thai government to alter initial methods and care for those in dire need. Some refugee boats, however, are still being turned away.

The Thais are concerned that they "not become the dumping ground for all the refugees in the region," says Rep. Stephen Solarz (D) of New York, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on East Asia. "The key is to make it clear to the Thais that if they maintain the principle of 'first asylum,' we will continue to take off Vietnamese refugees for resettlement, he says.

Thais have not disavowed their policy of granting "first asylum" or temporary refuge. US officials say. But Thai public opinion and many in the government see the issue as a national security problem and are feeling besieged by a surge in refugees and border hostilities.

In 1987, Vietnamese refugee boat arrivals tripled to nearly 12,000. The problem came to a head in January after three months of arrivals totalling almost 6,000.

Many in Thailand see the new arrivals as "economic migrants" who will not qualify for resettlement elsewhere. Some see the flow as a deliberate Vietnamese attempt to undermine Thai security.

Fears of more murderous violence

Acute farm labour shortage in Punjab

By Harbaksh Singh Nanda

LUDHIANA, India. (AP): Migrant labourers' fear of more murderous violence in Punjab are causing an acute farm labour shortage as the season opens for transplanting rice in the northern state considered India's breadbasket.

Agriculture officials said if workers do not come to Punjab, it could hurt the economy of the rich farming state and affect India as a whole since the country depends on surplus goods from the troubled state to supply less developed regions.

An estimated one-third of the 700,000 migrants who normally work in Punjab fled the state in May after a spate of attacks by Sikh militants left more than 70 poor Hindu migrants dead. Large numbers are staying away, officials and farmers say.

"Earlier, these labourers used to beg for jobs," said Pritham Singh, a farmer of Hoshiarpur district. "Now the farmers have to beg before these workers. Times have changed."

Rent Singh, 58, is among the hardest hit because he leases his 100-acre (0.405 ha) farm and must come up with rent for his landlord. He had 14 migrant labourers working the land, but only four remain on the job.

Most of the migrants working in Punjab come from the poorer states of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh to the southeast. They usually work through the various seasons for wheat, corn, sugarcane and rice, and going home in between.

Sikh militants fighting for a separate nation in Punjab have killed both Hindus and moderate Sikhs since 1982. Nearly 1,500 deaths this year have been blamed on the radicals from the minority faith.

But the Sikh rebels did not particularly target migrant workers until last May, when 31

The Thais are also worried about the influx of thousands of new refugees from Laos adding to the 40,000 they already shelter. US officials say.

Overall, more than 400,000 refugees and displaced persons remain in Thailand, including 280,000 Khmer from the Thai-Cambodian border. Many of these have little chance of returning to their homes or being resettled soon. Many of the recognized refugees have been awaiting resettlement in third countries for several years.

Countries like Thailand, Malaysia, and the Philippines shelter refugees on the assumption that other countries will take them for permanent resettlement. However, willingness to resettle Indochinese refugees has declined significantly in the US and other Western countries, according to Roger Winter, director of the US Committee for Refugees.

Decline
Today US resettlement is less than one-quarter of 1980 levels. Last year, for the first time since 1980, resettlement departures from Thailand did not keep up with arrivals. The fiscal 1989 US budget portends further decline: It proposes accepting only 23,500 refugees from all of Southeast Asia — the number the US will accept this year from Thailand alone.

"The root cause of the continued Indochinese refugee outflow" is "policies of the government of Vietnam," US Ambassador to Thailand William Brown, recently told Congress. A sophisticated network of smuggling Vietnamese through Cambodia and then by boat to Thailand "could only take place with official tolerance, if not official approval," he says.

The best solution, US officials say, would be for the Vietnamese government to establish an equitable, orderly departure programme for all wishing to emigrate. It has become more cooperative in allowing outflow to the US, but it still refuses to cooperate in letting go many of those the US considers top priority and by limiting overall numbers, officials say. The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

Naval escort and shooting up of speedboats are symbolic gestures

'Do nothing' policy endangers long-range US goals

By John T. Haldane

WASHINGTON: Nothing more endangers long-range United States goals in the Gulf region than its present "do nothing" policy. The naval escorting of a few flagships and the shooting up of Iranian speedboats are symbolic gestures that do nothing to address the serious political and military problems in the area.

Needed is a new, realistic policy that guarantees military protection to the moderate Gulf Arab allies of the US while opening the door to quiet negotiations with the Iranians. The current US tilt toward Iraq is accomplishing neither.

The US is consciously alienating Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and the other Gulf Arab States by refusing to sell them the aircraft, missiles, and other military equipment they desperately need to defend themselves from Iranian attack. No number of US warships steaming about the Gulf alters the fact that these nations want to be able to defend themselves. They worry that American public opinion in an election year will force the Pentagon to move the US Navy out of the Gulf and back to normal duties.

The Arabs realize that

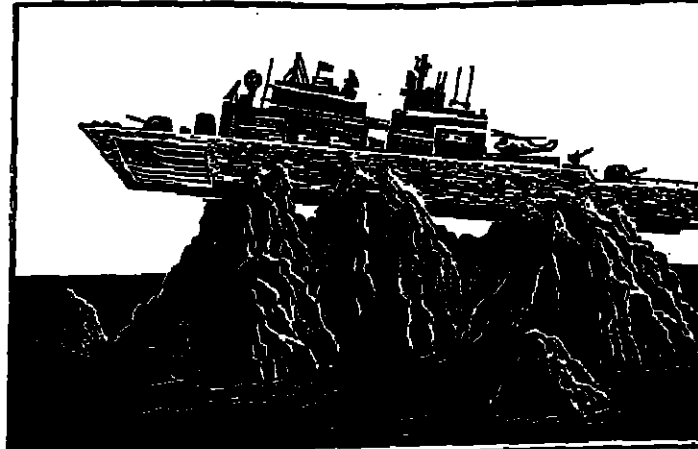
President Reagan is operating from a position of weakness. He is forced to resort to a show of naval strength because he is unable to provide military arms to the Arabs in the face of unrelenting congressional truculence.

The Iranians, of course, are even less happy with Washington. They watch Iraq regularly attack neutral tankers plying to and from their ports, while tankers that sail to and from Kuwait, a key ally of Baghdad, are guarded by United States warships.

It seems to the Iranian leaders that the US wants to continue punishing Iran for the Iran-Contra affair long after the Tower Commission made clear the Reagan administration's blame for that fiasco.

The Iran-Iraq war will not fade away, regardless of Washington's fervent hopes. It must be made to go away, through quiet and persistent negotiations with both parties. Applying pressure on Iran alone has failed and will continue to fail.

The Soviet Union understands this and yet pulls the fat out of the fire for Washington by negotiating a cease-fire. Any immediate relief in Washington, however, will quickly be dissipated as the realization dawns that the USSR has replaced the US as the



Sketch by Brian Lies

dominant power in the Gulf region.

It is not in the best interests of the US to let the Iran-Iraq war bubble until a new president is elected. Such a period of drifting will give more time to the USSR to cement its relations with the Arabs and Iranians.

Washington does not seem to realize how much ground has been lost and is still being lost. The knee-jerk US reactions to the Saudi purchase of Chinese missiles, followed by stern congressional pronouncements trumpeting a hardened stance on any sales of arms to Saudi Arabia, have served only to push

the Saudis into the arms of Moscow.

Saudi Arabia has held off establishing diplomatic relations with Moscow, but is likely to take such a step in the next few months. China most likely will be accorded diplomatic recognition at the same time. When that happens, the rest of the Gulf Arab states will follow suit. More intimate military and economic relations can be expected to follow close on.

Moscow's departure from Afghanistan is removing the major obstacle to closer Soviet-Arab friendship; it also enhances the USSR's influence in Iran, which, like the Arab nations, has long voiced loud protests at Soviet intervention in a fellow Muslim country.

Given continued US belligerence toward Iran, the USSR is the only superpower with credibility in Tehran as well as the Arab capitals. Moscow is in the unique position of being able to negotiate with both combatants in the search for a mutually "face saving" resolution of the war. American inactivity strengthens Moscow's position.

assure Iran and Iraq that Washington wants to see a quick end to the war without discrimination against either side.

At that point, the Reagan administration should undertake diplomatic efforts to develop a stable, long-term relationship with Iran, looking forward to dealing with what may be a more moderate regime after the reign of Ayatollah Khomeini.

Incentives
Such a "good faith" US policy would include the development of packages of political and economic incentives designed to encourage détente with Iran and a continued close relationship with Iraq.

Both countries face serious economic problems as a result of sagging oil prices and the draining costs of a nearly eight-year war. Just as important, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and the other Gulf Arab states are eager for an end to the conflict. Not only the removal of an Iranian military threat but the opportunity to return to their oil profits in the Gulf would be warmly received.

Now is the time for the US to show superpower leadership. And the place is the Gulf. (This article was written before Iran accepted ceasefire)

A visit to Poland

Gorbachev tried to woo back Polish hearts and minds

By John Daniszewski

WARSAW, Poland. (AP): During a six-day visit that ended Saturday, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev presented Poles a vision of a new kind of relationship with their neighbour to the east.

Instead of the big brother many Poles feel has dominated them for two centuries under both Soviet commissars or Russian Czars, Gorbachev offered a portrait of a strong military ally, a huge potential economic partner and a fervent fellow believer in humanizing the communist system.

Although his statements on Polish sovereignty went little beyond language used in the past, his tone was avuncular and his appeals for maintaining the alliance directed straight at Polish self-interest.

For instance, during a trip to Szczecin in western territories acquired from Germany after World War II, Gorbachev went out of his way to say the Soviet Union backed the proposition that this was now "truly Polish soil."

Talking to intellectuals, he said that his goal was to bring a "human dimension" to socialism and ensure that "working people can live well and feel well."

Cooperate
To young people in Krakow, he said, "in my country and your country, perestroika (restructuring) will progress better the more tightly and more fruitfully the two countries cooperate."

Poles accustomed to images of dour-faced Soviet leaders stiffly reviewing marching troops from atop the Lenin Mausoleum instead saw a smiling, comfortable Gorbachev kissing children or chatting amiably with Polish workers.

One of the most captivating moments of the visit came during a performance of popular Polish balladeer Andrzej Rosiewicz. Gorbachev and his wife Raisa laughed along as Rosiewicz pranced around a stage in a white fur hat bearing a single red star and poked gentle fun at the Soviet Union with his bouncy song in praise of Gorbachev, "Mikhail, Mikhail."

But how will Poles react? "In my opinion, Gorbachev will contribute more to the friendship between our nations than



Mikhail Gorbachev

has been done in this regard for decades," said Stanislaw Kwiatkowski, the chief government pollster. "A majority of Poles identify themselves with Gorbachev's policies and view it as a chance for our nation."

Disappointed
However, historian Bronislaw Geremek, a leading figure in the opposition, said he was disappointed by the trip. "All the Polish problems that existed before the visit remain the same, and the visit has not brought any new solutions," he said Saturday.

Specifically, said Geremek, public opinion wanted Gorbachev to acknowledge Soviet responsibility for the massacre of Polish Army officers in Katyn forest in the Ukraine in 1940 and for other crimes against Poland. And he said it wanted an "unambiguous crossing out" of the Brezhnev doctrine, under which the Soviet Union maintained the right to interfere in the affairs of its East bloc allies.

"Those hopes have not been met," Beremek said. Gorbachev never mentioned Katyn and made only a broad reference to Polish sovereignty without repeating his solemn pledges of non-interference that he gave Czechoslovakia last year and Yugoslavia last winter.

During a meeting with Polish intellectuals at Warsaw's Royal Palace on Thursday, two speakers directly asked Gorbachev to give a signal to Polish society that the Brezhnev doctrine was dead. He did not respond specifically

to any questions, saying only that he would provide written replies in a volume to be published later.

Gorbachev said hardly a word about Polish independence during his speech to the Sejm, or parliament, on Monday, or on subsequent visits to Krakow and Szczecin.

The final joint communique signed by Gorbachev and Polish United Workers Party leader Wojciech Jaruzelski said only that relations between their two countries is based on "principles of equal rights, accountability before their own nations, independence and sovereign decision-making in matters of development."

Polish officials had said before the trip that it would strengthen the forces of reform within Poland and offer a showcase for political and economic changes under way in Poland.

Officials clearly wished to associate themselves with Gorbachev's charisma. Gen. Jaruzelski hardly left the Soviet leader's side throughout the visit, and repeatedly emphasized during the trip the parallels between Gorbachev's "perestroika" and Poland's "socialist renewal."

Sandinistas mark anniversary facing widespread discontent

By Bryna Brennan

MANAGUA, Nicaragua. (AP): As it starts its 10th year in power, the leftist Sandinista government is confronting unprecedented discontent brought on by civil war, a shattered economy and unfulfilled promises.

At the same time, the Sandinistas have put the brakes on months of moves to restore basic freedoms and cracked down on opponents with a vengeance. The measures came just days before today's (July 19) anniversary ceremonies in the central city of Guigalpa, 85 miles (137 kilometres) east of the capital.

The government had begun to ease restrictions on freedom to comply with a regional peace plan signed last August by the presidents of Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Costa Rica. The goal was to end the war here against the US-supported Contra rebels, along with leftist guerrilla conflicts in El Salvador and Guatemala.

The pact calls for amnesties, cease-fires and democratic reforms. It also bars strategic or logistic support for insurgencies, a provision aimed mainly at Honduras, which houses Contra



Daniel Ortega

rebel camps.

To comply with the plan, the Sandinistas in January lifted a 6-year-old state of emergency that restricted basic liberties. Discontent, which had been on the rise, started surfacing. Opposition news media, shuttered or censored under the law, reappeared and harshly — at times falsely — attacked the government.

Anti-Sandinista marches, also prohibited under the emergency laws, started in January. With this liberalization, the Sandinistas achieved their main goal: the US Congress earlier this year voted down a request by President Ronald Reagan to renew military aid to the Contras.

But suddenly, the Sandinistas last week lashed out, assuming a position that appeared to say they had had enough and would not take any more. President Daniel Ortega and his cabinet also came under pressure from party hardliners who opposed the concessions, which included the previously taboo subject of opening talks with the Contras to seek a negotiated settlement to the almost 7-year-old war.

Expelled
In a series of quick moves, the government expelled US ambassador Richard Melton and seven other American diplomats on July 11, a day after police beat up opponents at a demonstration.

The Sandinistas jailed three dozen opposition figures, closed down the Roman Catholic church's Radio Católica and a private news programme, and ordered La Prensa, the only anti-government newspaper, to suspend publication for 15 days.

The Sandinistas said the crackdown was in response to a

destabilization plan fostered by the US embassy and an increasingly greater number of Contra rebel attacks in violation of a 4-month-old cease-fire agreement. But they offered little proof to back up their accusations.

Barricada, the ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front newspaper, ran a list Saturday of dates in which Melton and the other American diplomats met with opposition groups under the headline "Subversive itinerary of Melton and the CIA." The State Department called such visits normal.

Discontent
The Sandinistas have become increasingly frustrated at their inability to end the war, which is wrecking the economy and fueling discontent among the peasantry.

In a move that had taken Washington off guard, Sandinista and Contra leaders signed a cease-fire agreement March 23, but since then have made almost no headway in negotiations for a more permanent truce.

The initial cease-fire, extended for 30-day periods by tacit agreement on both sides, has been wearing thinner and thinner in recent weeks. The Defence Ministry recently reported almost daily attacks by the rebels on Sandinista forces.

Opposition leaders said the Sandinistas crackdown was motivated by fear that the usually fragmented opposition was unifying, and discontent about the government's handling of the economy.

The Sandinistas came to power in a 1979 revolution that ousted the rightist, pro-American dictatorship of Anastasio Somoza. With promises of a better life, they enjoyed widespread support among the poverty-stricken people.

In 1981, the United States cut off all economic aid to Nicaragua, claiming the Sandinistas were exporting revolution to the rest of Central America and were providing a communist beachhead in the region. The Reagan administration followed with a trade embargo in 1985.

These measures, together with US overt and covert support for the Contras since 1981, along with government mismanagement and corruption, almost scuttled the economy. About half the budget now goes to military expenses.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1545 — French force lands on Isle of Wight against British.

1551 — Treaty of Kalisz reaffirms Archduke Ferdinand's right to crown of Hungary and Transylvania.

1588 — Spanish armada is sighted off Cornish coast of England.

1610 — Basil Shuisky, Tsar of Russia, is deposed after Swedish Army under Jacob de la Gardie, sent against Polish invaders of Russia, is forced to surrender.

1712 — Britain and France sign truce.

1870 — France declares war on Prussia, opening Franco-Prussian war.

1907 — Emperor of Korea abdicates under Japanese pressure.

1918 — German armies begin retreat across Marne River after being defeated in their last great offensive in France during World War I.

1928 — King Fuad stages coup in Egypt and parliament is dissolved.

1943 — Allied Air Force stages first raid on Rome, Italy, in World War II.

1956 — United States and Britain inform Egypt they cannot participate in financing Aswan Dam project.

1960 — Soviet Union protests to United States over plan to equip West Germany with Polaris missile.

1973 — Palestinian gunman seizes 17 hostages in Athens but releases them after being promised safe conduct out of Greece.

1975 — US and Soviet astronauts and cosmonauts end their two-day linkup in space.

1987 — Landslides and severe flooding in Italy claim 14 lives.

Neighbouring states charge South Africa with subversion

By Greg Myre

GABORONE, BOTSWANA. (AP): Twenty suspected South African agents have been arrested in Botswana and Zimbabwe in recent months, bringing renewed charges that South Africa is working to destabilize its black-ruled neighbours.

The suspects, accused of security-related offences, include 18 whites, six of them South African citizens. It is believed to be the largest number of such people ever held at one time.

Most of the 20 could face the death penalty if convicted, although so far no white South African has ever been executed in Zimbabwe or Botswana.

"The continuing trail shows that South Africa is working very hard to destabilize Botswana and the other front-line states," Ponashego Kedikilwe, Botswana's minister for presidential affairs, said in an interview. The "front-

line" black African states most concerned with South African affairs are usually defined as Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania and Angola.

Threat

Botswana and Zimbabwe, two of the more prosperous and stable countries in southern Africa, pose little military threat to South Africa. Both acknowledge they must co-exist with their powerful southern neighbour out of economic necessity.

However, because they sit on South Africa's long northern border, their countries have been used as infiltration routes by the African National Congress guerrilla group, the main black organization attempting to overthrow South Africa's white-led government.

South Africa, which portrays the ANC as a terrorist group, has carried out frequent attacks on suspected ANC bases in neighbouring countries. So far this

year, there have been about 30 suspected ANC bombings in South Africa, placing additional domestic pressure on South African security forces to act against the ANC.

Botswana and Zimbabwe say those actions include treasonous activities inside their borders.

"It is very clear that the external enemy, South Africa, has infiltrated our society and is using some of our nationals to further their subversive interests," Moven Mahachi, Zimbabwe's home affairs minister, said this week.

Subversion

Zimbabwe cited the alleged subversion as a reason for its decision to extend a 23-year-old state of emergency.

Botswana, the target of several South African raids in recent years, has set up new roadblocks as a security measure and is holding five suspected South African agents in custody.

Two of the five suspects are

alleged members of a South African military unit apprehended June 20 in a confrontation that occurred six miles (10 kilometres) inside Botswana's borders. Their arrests marked the first time South African soldiers have been captured in neighbouring countries since the South Africa began launching cross-border raids aimed at suspected ANC bases.

The other three suspects are South Africans who have been living and working in Botswana and who were arrested in connection with the same case.

Zimbabwe is holding a total of 13 whites and two blacks accused of assisting in South African military raids and sabotage attacks.

In the latest incident, British national Denis Behan was arrested following an aborted June 30 attempt to free five men charged earlier in a series of attacks against ANC facilities in Zimbabwe.

A white Zimbabwe Air Force officer was believed part of the escape effort and has fled to South Africa, according to officials in Zimbabwe.

In a separate case, white Zimbabwean Rory Maguire was sentenced recently to seven years in jail after pleading guilty to two charges of security-related offences. He agreed to testify against other suspected South African agents.

South Africa maintains that it seeks cordial relations with Botswana and Zimbabwe, but says it may have to respond to what it sees as a harassment campaign aimed at its citizens.

Sickened

"People in South Africa are getting sickened by the sight of South Africans being brought to court in leg irons," said The Citizen, a pro-government Johannesburg newspaper, in an editorial. "The mood in South Africa is such that any raids on ANC facilities would be con-

sidered justified."

In Botswana and Zimbabwe, the security-related court cases attracted widespread attention.

About 2,000 people chanting anti-South African slogans turned up at a tiny magistrate's court in remote Francistown for a recent hearing involving the two South Africans captured last month. In Zimbabwe, each new development in the cases has been front-page news and reopened discussions about the loyalty of white Zimbabweans.

Henry Ellsworth, a white member of parliament, said Zimbabwe's whites were disgusted by the alleged subversive activities of a small group of white "malcontents."

Blacks came to power in Zimbabwe in 1980 following a bitter civil war against the white-led government. About 100,000 whites still live in Zimbabwe and they generally have good relations with the nation's 9 million black majority.

The credibility scale

By Jane Fletcher

A FORGOTTEN birthday, a late appointment, a case of mistaken identity... what you really need is good excuse.

Everybody uses them, but just how imaginative are you when it comes to stretching the truth?

Can you ease your way out of a tricky situation with a quick-fire explanation? Or are you more likely to blush and give the game away?

Try this fun quiz and see if your excuses let you down...

1. You oversleep and arrive two hours late for work. Your boss is obviously annoyed. Do you:

(i) blame the traffic?

(ii) pretend you had to take your sick dog to the vet?

(iii) say you left your purse at home and had to go back to fetch it?

(iv) explain that you witnessed an accident and had to attend to the injured?

2. It's the morning of your partner's birthday and you haven't had time to buy a present. Do you:

(i) pretend you're saving their present till later — then give them something extravagant during a romantic evening meal?

(ii) say you just couldn't decide what to get them and invite them on a wild shopping spree?

(iii) pretend you have forgotten what day it is?

(iv) say you've left their present in the office?

3. Your boss asks you to dinner to discuss a new business venture. You don't want to go because it clashes with a party you've been looking forward to. Do you:

(i) tell them you'd love to go, but unfortunately your long-lost cousin is coming to stay?

(ii) go to the dinner and then complain of food poisoning so you can leave early?

(iii) arrange for a friend to telephone you at the restaurant so you can rush off on an 'urgent' call?

(iv) explain that you're on a strict diet and can't indulge at the moment?

4. You accept an invitation to a fancy dress party and hire a clown's outfit. On the big night, you discover to your horror that you're the only person who's made an effort. Do you:

(i) tell the hostess you just dropped in on your way to a children's charity party?

(ii) claim to be someone else?

(iii) say that at least it shows you are game for a laugh?

(iv) say you wore the costume as a dare?

5. You borrowed your best

friend's earrings for a special occasion. Now you can't find them. Do you?

(i) tell her they were stolen and offer to replace them?

(ii) stall for time — hoping they'll turn up?

(iii) tell her they were so beautiful you're having a copy made for your mother — then buy a similar pair?

(iv) buy her another pair, saying they suit her so much better?

6. You miss an important business meeting because you were stuck in a traffic jam. How do you explain your absence to your colleagues?

(i) Tell them your car broke down and you had to wait hours for a mechanic?

(ii) Say your mother fell sick and you had to take her to the doctor?

(iii) Pretend you got the date confused?

(iv) Explain that you took the wrong turning and got terribly lost?

7. You're shattered after a hard day's work, but your partner is keen to go out for the night. Do you:

(i) say you'd love to go, but hint you would have more fun if you both stayed in?

(ii) make a big show of getting ready and then complain of a splitting headache?

(iii) pretend you can't find the car keys?

(iv) Explain that you've got some urgent work to do?

8. Your friend asks you to look after her boisterous dog whilst she is on holiday. Do you:

(i) take him for a couple of days then put him in kennels and claim he was wrecking your home?

(ii) say you're allergic to dogs?

(iii) pretend you're going away on business?

(iv) say you'd like to help out, but you've never felt comfortable with dogs after that nasty incident when you were a child?

9. Your partner catches you in a compromising position with another person. Do you:

(i) claim that you've been blackmailed?

(ii) start making introductions and say it's all a misunderstanding?

(iii) say you were enticed into the situation under false pretences?

(iv) claim you were just rehearsing the love scene for a local amateur dramatics production?

10. Your boss asks you for a document which you have forgotten to sort out. Do you:

(i) smile sweetly and blame your assistant?

(ii) insist you put the document on his desk yesterday and he must have mislaid it?

(iii) apologise for your error and say you didn't have time to look for it?

(iv) deny all knowledge of being asked in the first place?

11. Someone you know approaches you in a restaurant and starts chatting like an old friend. But you can't remember who they are. What do you say?

(i) "Darling, you've changed so much I hardly recognised you?"

(ii) "I've never forgotten the first time we met. Did it mean as much to you?"

(iii) "I'm afraid you've got the wrong person?"

(iv) "I may not remember your name, but I've never forgotten your wonderful face?"

12. You've bought an expensive new outfit, when you're supposed to be saving for a holiday with your partner. Do you:

(i) say your mother gave you the money — then take out a loan to make up the loss?

(ii) deny buying anything and hide the outfit until after the holiday?

(iii) pretend you've borrowed it from a friend?

(iv) say: "New? Oh no, I've had it ages, you just haven't seen it before?"

13. Your relationship with a partner is becoming very dull. You want to end it quickly. Do you say:

(i) "It's been wonderful, but I know I can never live up to your high expectations?"

(ii) "I've found someone else" — even though you haven't?

(iii) "I've got the chance to work abroad and I'm taking it?"

(iv) "I can't believe I was so lucky to find you, but it's time to be moving on?"

14. You borrow your mother's car and accidentally scratch the bonnet. Do you:

(i) claim someone else did it?

(ii) say you scratched the car while swerving to avoid a runaway dog?

(iii) insist the scratch was there when you borrowed the car?

(iv) say you know nothing about it?

15. You go for a couple of drinks after work and return home to find your partner has thrown your dinner in the dustbin. What do you say?

(i) "I had to work late on a special project?"

(ii) "I stopped off on the way home to visit my mother?"

(iii) "I think this watch you gave me is faulty?"

(iv) "I got carried away telling someone how wonderful you are?"

Now compare your answers with the chart below.

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| 12. | b | d | c | a |
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| 14. | b | a | c | d |
| 15. | c | d | b | a |

Now add up your score and see how you did.

Mostly a's Rating: EXCELLENT

You're the tops — you could get away with murder if you wanted to! You ooze confidence and can charm your way out of any situation.

There's no limit to the excuses you'll dream up, the more elaborate the better. You love to see how over the top you can go and, like a true professional, you always come up with an excuse that puts you in a good light and makes other people feel they are the ones in the wrong!

Mostly b's Rating: VERY GOOD

You're cool and sophisticated when it comes to making excuses. You nearly always know how to talk your way out of trouble and rarely get caught out. You're certainly not afraid of letting your imagination run free. Unlike the true professionals, however, you instinctively know when to stretch the truth and when it might be better to come clean.

Mostly c's Rating: AVERAGE

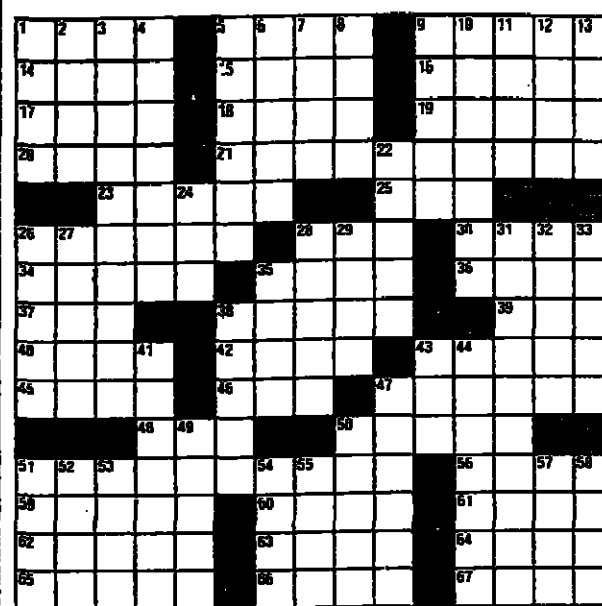
In a truly desperate situation, you can be relied upon to come up with a good excuse. But you really shouldn't make a habit of it. You lack the confidence to pull off the wildest excuses and you're afraid of going too far. Some of your explanations are decidedly half-hearted!

Mostly d's Rating: POOR

Oh dear... all your excuses are well past their 'use by' date. You rely on trotting out the old, old excuses and show a complete lack of imagination. People can see straight through you and no wonder: Let yourself go, otherwise a lame duck like you had better stick to telling the truth.

Every now and then, you'll have a flash of brilliance and surprise even yourself with your clever excuses. But on other days, your performance is well below par. What you need is a strategy.

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Leave undone | 1 Nurse saint |
| 5 Street sign | 2 Baby's word |
| 9 Heartthrob | 3 Sport for Boitano |
| 14 Cluny's pride | 4 Playwright |
| 15 P.A.'s promotional gimmicks | 5 Tad |
| 16 Speedy | 6 Innsbruck's locale |
| 17 Part of OAS | 7 Girasol |
| 18 Soviet sea | 8 — moll |
| 20 Place for a posy | 9 Norse goddess |
| 21 Spiker's sport | 10 Greek letters |
| 23 Pay homage | 11 Samoan port |
| 25 Wacky | 12 Eliot's "The — on the Floss" |
| 26 Pick-me-up | 13 Henry James biographer |
| 28 Hack's vehicle | 22 Fire residue |
| 30 Attention-getter | 24 Always, to Keats |
| 34 Gourmand | 26 Pelican features |
| 35 Tender | 27 Bast fiber |
| 36 Monologue | 28 Concluding musical passages |
| 37 French friend | 29 Cezanne's "Boy With — Vest" |
| 38 Birch family member | 31 Sport for ringers |
| 39 Mardi Gras city, for short | 32 George or T.S. |
| 40 Chessman | |
| 42 Use a baton | |
| 43 Mexican money | |
| 45 Utah lily | |
| 46 Dog tags, for short | |
| 47 Take out | |
| 48 MIT workshop | |
| 50 Mosquito genus | |
| 51 Hawaiian sport | |
| 56 Fellow | |
| 59 Willow | |
| 60 Word with | |

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

TEST YOUR PLAY

Both vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH

♦ 9 6 4 3

♥ K J 8 5

♦ 6 3

♣ A Q J

WEST

♦ K J 5

♥ 9

♦ K J 9 8 7 5

♣ K 10 8

EAST

♦ 10 7

♥ 3

♦ 10 4 2

♣ 9 7 6 5 4 3 2

SOUTH

♦ A Q 8 2

♥ A Q 10 7 6 4 2

♦ A Q

♣ Void

The bidding:

West North East South

1 ♦ Pass Pass 2 ♦

Pass 3 ♦ Pass 4 ♦

Pass 5 ♦ Pass 6 ♦

Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Nine of ♣

Treat this as either a single-dummy or double-dummy problem. The winning line is not easy to spot, no matter which way you go about it.

In view of South's balancing cue-bid, North's hand revealed to close to an opening bid. But rather than choose a suit himself, North correctly cue-bid in return. When South showed a strong hand by jumping to game, North judged his hand merited one move toward slam, and a second cue-bid was the obvious choice. Despite his void in that suit, South's hand was clearly worth slam.

opposite partner's implied support.

Since he was reluctant away from an honor, West trump as his opening lead.

The spade finesse were declarer saw that he was spade loser. To complicate West's opening bid doomed a second finesse. Can you see for South to prevent this?

Win the trump in dummy the ace of clubs, discarding from hand, and lead the East covers the club you to dummy with a trump and another spade on the jack.

The ace-queen of diamonds then endplay West.

When East doesn't cover another spade, West wins and his only safe return.

Discard your queen of spades the ace of spades, cross and ruff a spade. When fenders follow, you can contract. You get to the trump for another spade, you still have a trump as the table to take a diamond on your established nine.

Well done!

Icelanders explore family trees

By Alan Elsner

REYKJAVIK, (Reuters): In Iceland, tracing family ties is a national passion.

"We are a small country, but we have big families which try to stick together," said Adda, a 24-year-old theology student at Reykjavik university.

One only has to go back eight or nine generations to find that all of Iceland's 243,000 people are distantly related to each other.

Take Adda for example, whose real name is Steinunn Arnthrudur Bjornsdottir.

"My father has 243 first and second cousins. My father's aunt, who died a few months ago, had 140 descendants and remembered every birthday," she said.

Icelanders often build up family traditions in one or two professions. Adda's family is active in politics, literature and the media.

"My mother writes books and plays together with my aunt. Another brother is a poet and lyricist. Their father is a

Dear Junior Readers,

One of life's many little problems that really makes me hopping mad is waiting. It always seems that when you are in a hurry anyway, the bus gets stuck in the traffic; the taxi goes to the wrong house or does not turn up at all; the woman in front of you at the supermarket check-out has bought enough food for six months and takes almost as long to pay for it; the man in the phone box has decided to call every single one of his friends in the same evening... the list goes on and on! But, worse than all these, is when you have made an appointment with someone who rolls up half an hour late or simply leaves you waiting and wondering. Have they had an accident? Have they been taken ill? Has something really terrible happened to them? Nothing of the sort. When you finally see them, the excuse is that they forgot/overslept/were deciding what clothes to wear/were watching a good film on the television—whatever reason they give is usually pretty weak.

As a matter of politeness and consideration for others, we should not keep people waiting for nothing more than selfish reasons. There are many things which make us late that we can do nothing about, but when the time we arrive is in our own hands, we should make every effort to be on time.

Auntie Jayne

Animal world quiz

① A BEAVER LIVES IN A _____

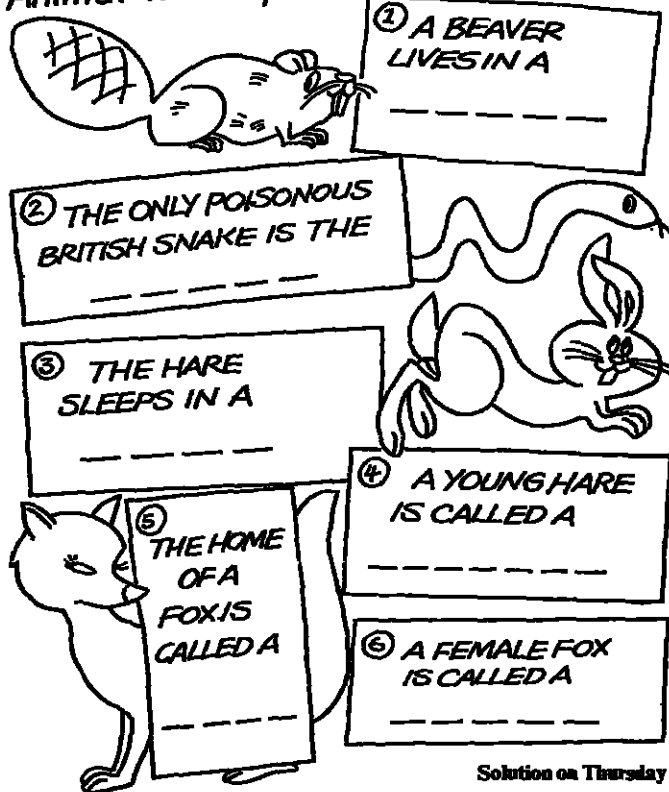
② THE ONLY POISONOUS BRITISH SNAKE IS THE _____

③ THE HARE SLEEPS IN A _____

④ A YOUNG HARE IS CALLED A _____

⑤ THE HOME OF A FOX IS CALLED A _____

⑥ A FEMALE FOX IS CALLED A _____



Solution on Thursday

Part one

THIS is the story of the great war that Rikki-tikki-tavi fought single-handed, through the bath-rooms of the big bungalow in Segowlee cantonment. Darzee, the tailorbird, helped him, and Chuchundra, the musk-rat, who never comes out into the middle of the door, but always creeps round by the wall, gave him advice; but Rikki-tikki did the real fighting.

He was a mongoose, rather like a little cat in his fur and his tail, but quite like a weasel in his head and his habits. His eyes and the end of his restless nose were pink; he could scratch himself anywhere he pleased, with any leg, front or back, that he chose to use; he could fluff up his tail till it looked like a bottle-brush, and his war-cry, as he scuttled through the long grass, was: "Rikki-tikki-tikki-tchik!"

One day, a high summer flood washed him out of the burrow where he lived with his father and mother, and carried him, kicking and clucking, down a roadside ditch. He found a little wisp of grass floating there, and clung to it till he lost his senses. When he revived, he was lying in the hot sun on the middle of a garden path, very dragged indeed, and a small boy was saying: "Here's a dead mongoose. Let's have a funeral."

"No," said his mother, "let's take him in and dry him. Perhaps he isn't really dead."

They took him into the house, and a big man picked him up between his

Rikki-tikki-tavi



finger and thumb, and said he was not dead but half choked; so they wrapped him in cotton-wool, and warmed him, and he opened his eyes and sneezed.

"Now," said the big man (he was an Englishman who had just moved into the bungalow); "don't frighten him, and we'll see what he'll do."

It is the hardest thing in the world to frighten a mongoose, because he is eaten up from nose to tail with curiosity. The motto of all the mongoose family is, "Run and find out!" and Rikki-tikki was a true mongoose. He looked at the cotton-wool, decided that it was not good to eat, ran all round the table, sat up and put his fur in order,

scratched himself, and jumped on the small boy's shoulder.

"Don't be frightened, Teddy," said his father. "That's his way of making friends."

"Ouch! He's tickling under my chin," said Teddy.

"Good gracious," said Teddy's mother, "and that's a wild creature! I suppose he's so tame because we've been kind to him."

"All mongooses are like that," said her husband. "If Teddy doesn't pick him up by the tail, or try to put him in a cage, he'll run in and out of the house all day long. Let's give him something to eat."

They gave him a little

piece of raw meat. Rikki-tikki liked it immensely, and when it was finished he went out into the verandah and sat in the sunshine and fluffed up his fur to make it dry to the roots. Then he felt better.

"There are more things to find out about in this house," he said to himself, "than all my family could find out in all their lives. I shall certainly stay and find out."

He spent all that day roaming over the house. He nearly drowned himself in the bath-tubs, put his nose into the ink on a writing table, and burnt it on the end of the big man's cigar, for he climbed up in the big man's lap to see how writing was done. At nightfall he ran into Ted-

dy's nursery to watch how kerosene lamps were lighted, and when Teddy went to bed Rikki-tikki climbed up too; but he was a restless companion, because he had to get up and attend to every noise all through the night, and find out what made it. Teddy's mother and father came in, the last thing, to look at their boy, and Rikki-tikki was awake on the pillow. "I don't like that," said Teddy's mother; "he may bite the child." "He'll do no such thing," said the father. "Teddy's safer with that little beast than if he had a bloodhound to watch him. If a snake came into the nursery now—"

But Teddy's mother wouldn't think of anything so awful.

Early in the morning Rikki-tikki came to early breakfast in the verandah riding on Teddy's shoulder, and they gave him banana and some boiled egg.

Then Rikki-tikki went out into the garden to see what was to be seen. "This is a splendid hunting-ground," he said, and his tail grew bottle-brushy at the thought of it, and he scuttled up and down the garden, sniffing here and there till he heard very sorrowful voices in a thorn-bush.

It was Darzee, the tailorbird, and his wife. They had made a beautiful nest by pulling two big leaves together and stitching them up the edges with fibres, and had filled the hollow with cotton and downy fluff. The nest swayed to and fro, as they sat on the rim and cried.

"What is the matter?" asked Rikki-tikki. "We are very miserable," said Darzee. "One of our babies fell out of the nest yesterday, and Nag ate him."

"H'm!" said Rikki-tikki, "that is very sad—but I am a stranger here. Who is Nag?"

Darzee and his wife only cowered down in the nest without answering, for from the thick grass at the foot of the bush there came a low hiss—a horrid cold sound that made Rikki-tikki jump back two clear feet. Then inch by inch out of the grass rose up the head and spread hood of Nag, the big black cobra, and he was five feet long from tongue to tail.

"Who is Nag?" said he. "I am Nag. The great god Brahm put his mark upon all our people when the first cobra spread his hood to keep the sun off Brahm as he slept. Look, and be afraid!"

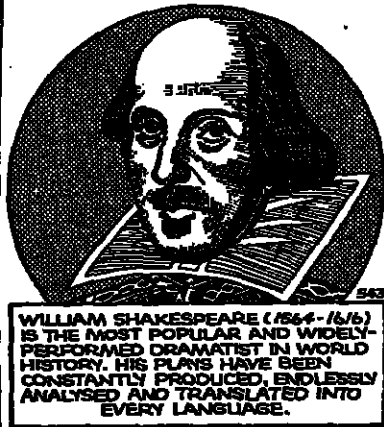
"Well," said Rikki-tikki, "marks or no marks, do you think it is right for you to eat fledglings out of a nest?"

Nag was thinking to himself, and watching the least little movement in the grass behind Rikki-tikki. He knew that mongooses in the garden meant death sooner or later for him and his family, but he wanted to get Rikki-tikki off his guard. So he dropped his head a little, and put it on one side.

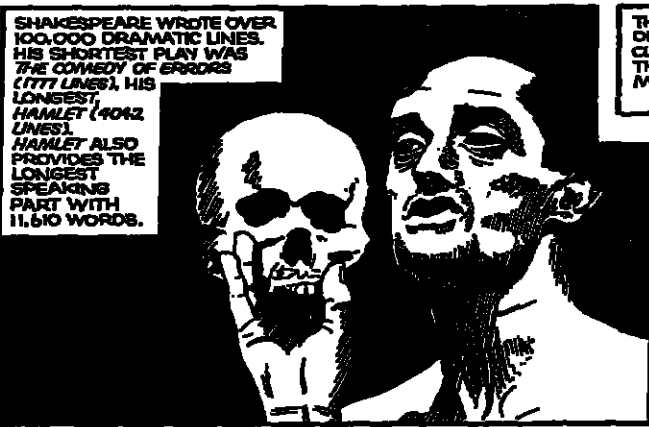
"Let's talk," he said. "You eat eggs. Why should not I eat birds?"

"Behind you! Look behind you!" sang Darzee. (To be continued on Thursday)

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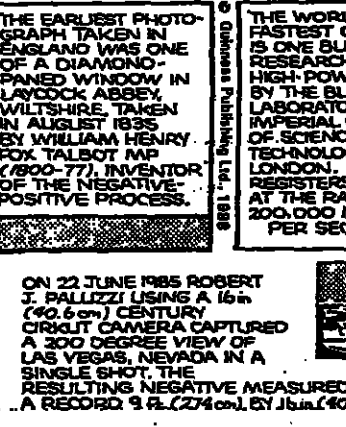
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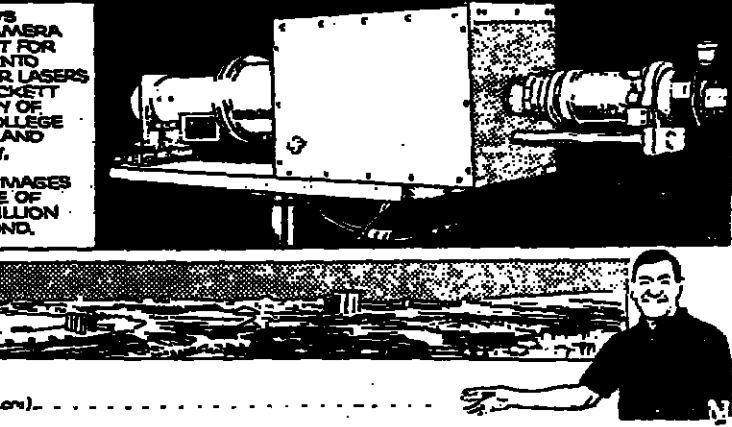
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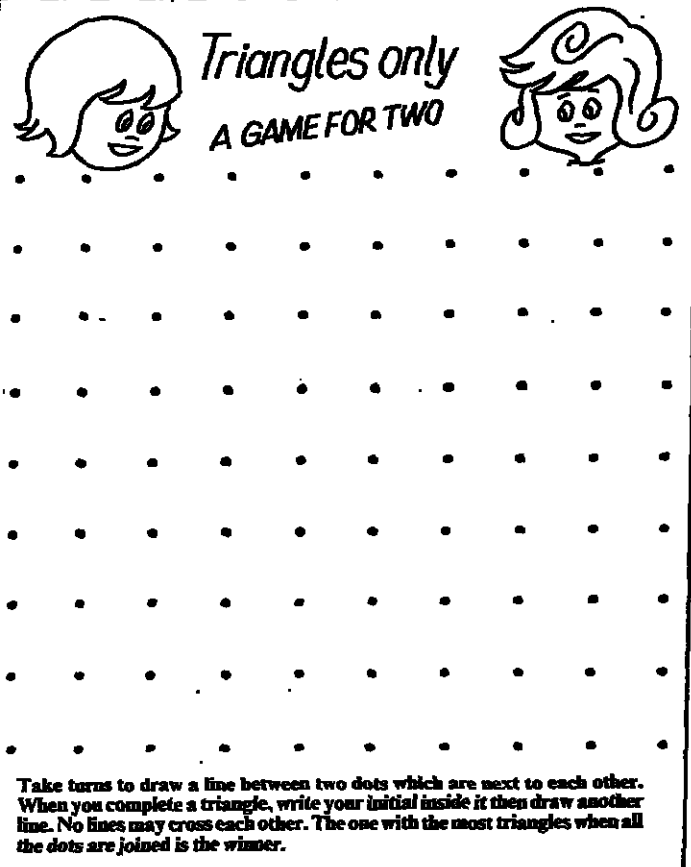
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Triangles only

A GAME FOR TWO



Take turns to draw a line between two dots which are next to each other. When you complete a triangle, write your initial inside it then draw another line. No lines may cross each other. The one with the most triangles when all the dots are joined is the winner.

Poets' corner

Autumn

There are nuts on the trees
In their clusters of brown,
And the leaves are like butterflies
Fluttering down;
The cornfields are golden,
The sunlight is clear,
And the apples are so rosy
Now autumn is here.

Well, autumn is still some way off, but many thanks to Mai (sorry, I couldn't make out your surname) for sending in this poem. Also, good luck in your future career as an actress!

Why the rhinoceros likes to roll about in the mud
During the heat of the day the rhinoceros usually buries itself in muddy water, from which it emerges with a layer of mud on its skin. This dries and forms a protective coating against the bites of insects.

Despite the thickness of its hide, the rhinoceros is afraid of the bite of some parasites which inject it with germs of dangerous diseases. This fear seems very strange in such enormous animals, as much as 4 metres in length and covered with a thick hide like armour, but in case of the rhinoceros it is another example of the fly beating the lion.

The legs of this beast are short and thick but this does not prevent it from running at a good speed, especially when charging an intruder who has annoyed it.

The African rhinoceros is common, particularly in the area of the great lakes of East Africa, because it prefers moist regions. Its habits are mostly nocturnal.

All species of rhinoceros are vegetarian: some browse on leaves and buds of shrubs and small trees, others graze on grasses.

Rhinoceroses are usually solitary, but a calf may accompany its mother for a long time, even after the birth of a younger offspring.

In former times, rhinoceroses inhabited both the eastern and western hemispheres, but now they live only in tropical Africa and Asia and are in danger of becoming extinct. The Asian rhinoceros has one horn, with the exception of the Sumatran which, like

The why of animals

the African varieties, has two.

Why the elephant has long projecting tusks
Today the two enormous projecting teeth are of no use to the elephant, but if we could go back some 20 million years we would find an ancestor of this pachyderm which used its enormous tusks to turn over the earth in search of food. In those far-off days there were long stretches of plains deeply ploughed by long parallel grooves.

The author of these strange furrows in the grassy plains was the Platybelodon, a mastodon as big as the present elephant, which walked along with its head down and its tusks thrust well into the ground, turning it over in search of the tubers, rhizomes and roots on which it fed.

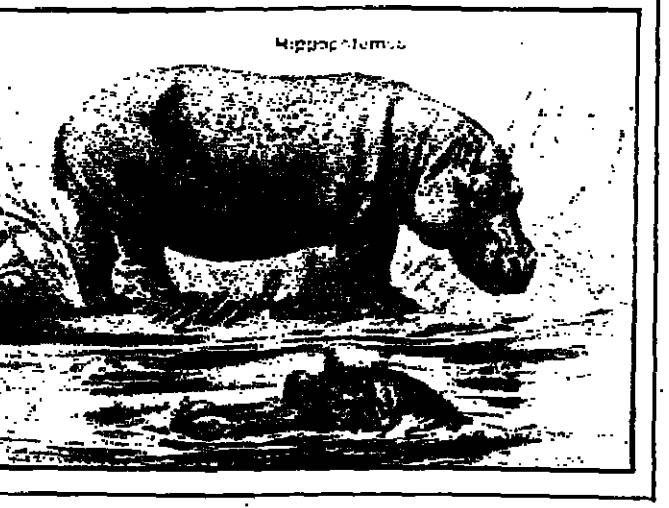
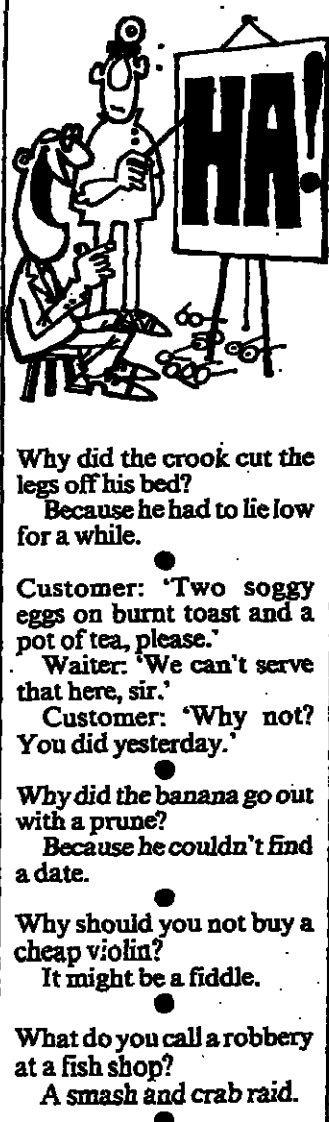
In fact the name of this animal refers to the special shape of its lower jaw which, because it was used for 'ploughing' the ground was made like an enormous hollow shovel fitted at the sides with large flat incisors with cutting edges.

Why the hippopotamus has protruding nostrils
Hippopotamuses live in herds near large African rivers and spend almost the whole day in the water, with only their eyes and nostrils showing. But the nostrils are very prominent on the nose so that the animals are able to breathe even when they are completely covered by water. In this way nature enables them to hide from their enemies.

Their food is exclusively vegetable, consisting of grass and marsh plants which the hippopotamus eats mainly at night when it comes out of the water.

Sometimes these animals become annoyed for no apparent reason and they will then lower their heads and attack even men. Normally, however, they are not dangerous.

The large African hippopotamus is more than 4 metres in length and weighs over 3 tons. In West Africa, however, there are some dwarf hippopotamuses which are only a quarter of the size of the large ones.

HA!

Why did the crook cut the legs off his bed?
Because he had to lie low for a while.

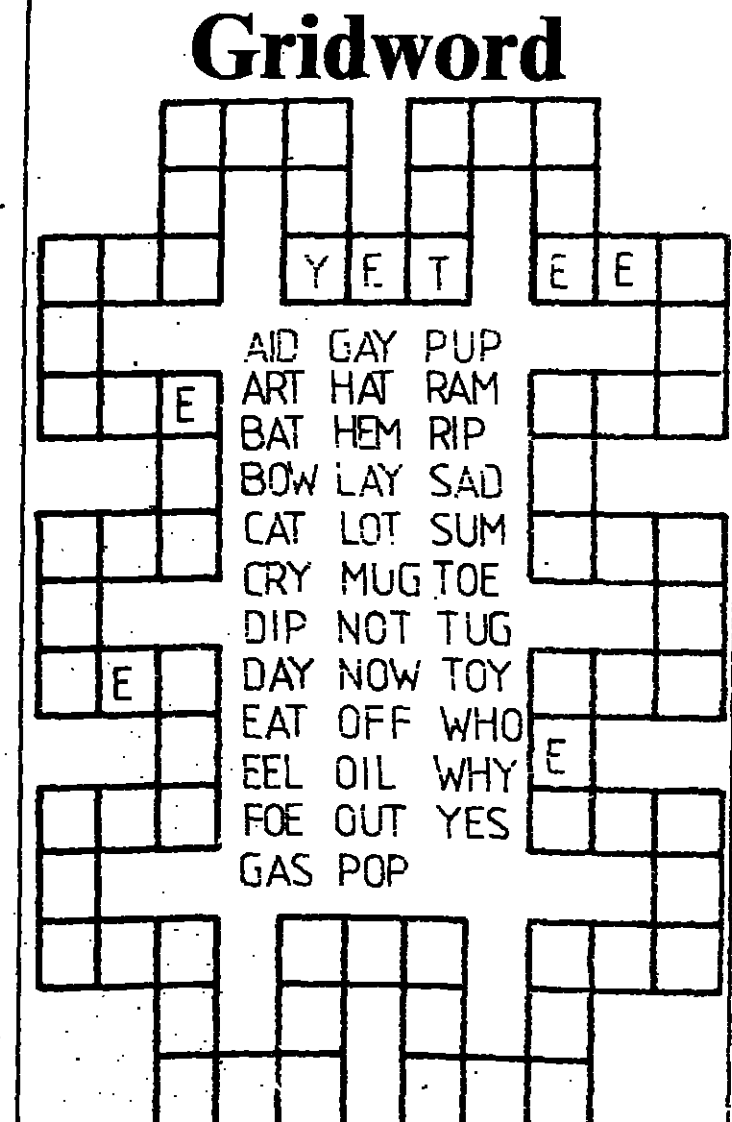
Customer: "Two soggy eggs on burnt toast and a pot of tea, please."
Waiter: "We can't serve that here, sir."
Customer: "Why not? You did yesterday."

Why did the banana go out with a prune?
Because he couldn't find a date.

Why should you not buy a cheap violin?
It might be a fiddle.

What do you call a robbery at a fish shop?
A smash and grab raid.

Gridword

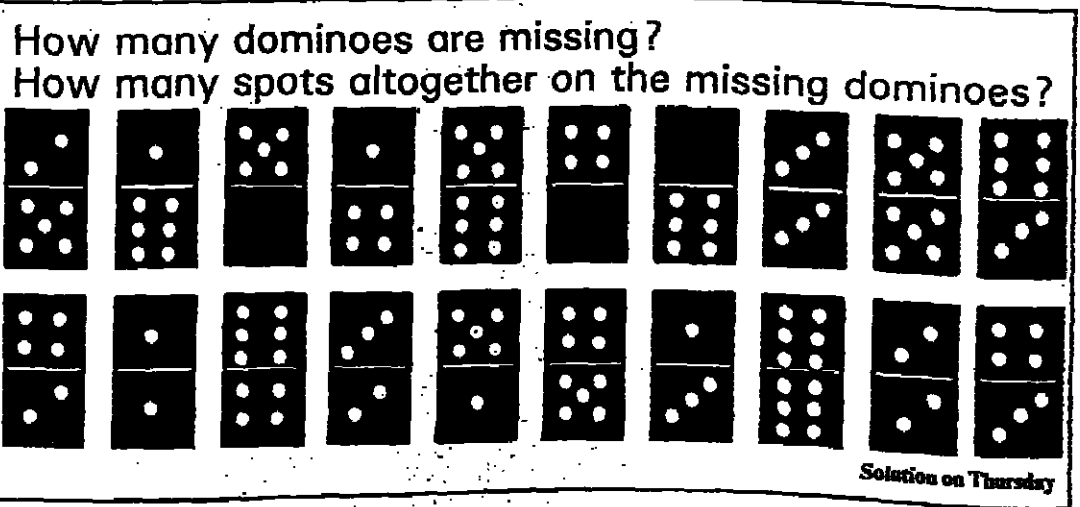


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AID GAY PUP
ART HAT RAM
BAT HEM RIP
BOW LAY SAD
CAT LOT SUM
CRY MUG TOE
DIP NOT TUG
DAY NOW TOY
EAT OFF WHO
EEL OIL WHY
FOE OUT YES
GAS POP

How many dominoes are missing?

How many spots altogether on the missing dominoes?



Solution on Thursday

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Britain raises interest rates again

LONDON, July 18, (Reuters): Britain raised interest rates for the sixth time since early June today to try to put the brakes on inflation.

The Bank of England, the Central Bank, said it raised its money market lending rate — a key interest rate at which it lends money to Britain's commercial banks — by half a percentage point to 10 1/2 per cent.

The rate sets a base for virtually all British interest rates.

The Treasury said the increase was a continuation of the government's policy of tightening credit.

US-based Citibank's British subsidiary raised its base lending rate to 10 1/2 per cent from 10 per cent within minutes of the Bank of England move, leading a round of commercial bank rate increases.

The Bank of England's moves this month and last to raise the money market lending rate from a 10-year low in May have been aimed at boosting the cost of borrowing to cool a credit-fuelled consumer buying spree that it fears will rekindle inflation.

Last week, the government reported inflation was running at an annual rate of 4.6 per cent in June, well above its target rate of four per cent.

And today, the government reported a strong rise in retail sales volume during June, despite the rate hikes.

Midland Bank Plc, heading a signal from the Bank of England, today announced a half-point increase in its base lending rate to 10 1/2 per cent.

Midland Bank responded by announcing an increase in its base rate, effective on Tuesday. Barclays Bank Plc, National Westminster Bank Plc and Lloyds Bank Plc were expected to follow suit.

Corporate borrowers can obtain loans at one percentage point above the base rate. The pound fell, rather than rose, on the latest increase, because the market was disappointed that the Central Bank did not signal a further increase in base rates, dealers said.

UN to seek interest-free loans to stay afloat

UNITED NATIONS, July 18, (Reuters): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar will ask member states for interest-free loans to save the world body from bankruptcy, after the United States declined to pay its dues, UN sources said on Friday.

President Reagan told the secretary-general at the White House earlier that the UN must institute further reforms before he would recommend that Congress release funds owed to the organisation, a spokesman said.

Officials said they were not surprised by the negative outcome of the meeting, which was at Reagan's invitation, but they hoped for a change in a new American administration.

They said Vice-President George Bush told Perez de Cuellar during his visit here on Thursday that he wanted to help. "But he said that before and there has been no change," a UN official said.

The secretary-general says the UN will be bankrupt by the end of October and therefore unable to continue operations. But officials said this threat would not be implemented since the General Assembly session would be in progress.

Japan calls for improved working, living conditions

TOKYO, July 18, (AP): An annual government report on labour says Japanese work longer than people in other industrialised nations but have less buying power, and calls for improved working and living conditions in the country.

The report, issued by the Labour Ministry today, urged shorter work weeks, lower consumer prices, more housing and cheaper housing. It said that Japanese have less buying power than workers in other countries.

Japanese worked an average 2,150 hours in 1986, the last year for which such statistics were available, compared to 1,938 hours for Britons, 1,924 hours for Americans, 1,655 hours for West Germans and 1,643 hours for the French, said Atsuko Ishii of the ministry's labour affairs division.

Rajiv seen slowing India's liberalisation for populism

We must step up exports, says Chavan

NEW DELHI, July 18, (Reuters): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is slowing down plans to open up India's largely state-controlled economy, turning instead to populism with an eye to general elections due by the end of 1989, economists said.

Gandhi's newly-appointed Finance Minister, S.B. Chavan, told Reuters at the weekend that the elections were a key factor in a review of economic liberalisation policies set by the prime minister when he came to power in October, 1984.

Chavan, who took office in a cabinet reshuffle after by-election reverses in June, said cuts in imports and a halt to concessions to businessmen would be part of the review.

"Businessmen are expecting far too much from me. I must balance their aspirations with the development needs of the people," said Chavan in his first detailed comments on his job.

Business and industry expect special treatment in return for financing Gandhi's Congress (I) Party, but they hope to see the aspirations of a 100-million

strong middle class and the overwhelming numbers of poor among India's 800 million population, Congress (I) sources said.

"It is a balancing act that I will have to do," said Chavan, asked how he would reconcile these demands in planning economic strategy before the general elections.

He said he must step up exports to overcome a shortage of foreign exchange, which showed a record fall for a three-month period in the first quarter of 1988-89, and cut back on imports which have risen because of the need to purchase essential commodities abroad to offset losses in last year's drought.

India's reserves stood at Rs 61.7 billion (\$4.4 billion) on June 17, depleted mainly by loan repayments to the International Monetary Fund, economists said.

Export earnings, which rose to Rs 157.2 billion (\$11.2 billion) in fiscal 1987-88 from the previous year's 125.5 billion (\$9 billion) were offset by imports, which

rose to Rs 223.4 billion (\$16 billion) from 200.6 billion (\$14.3 billion) in the same period.

A good monsoon this year, following the failure of rains in the past three years, has brightened Congress party prospects in country areas, where more than 700 per cent of the population lives and engages in agriculture.

Economist Surjit Bhalla predicted that in fiscal 1988-89 ending next March foodgrain prices would fall as the monsoon improved output, with economic growth rising to at least seven per cent from around 1.5 per cent the previous year.

Prominent

But prosperity might still fail to swing votes to Congress, which has held power for all but two years since India gained independence from Britain in 1947, said Bhalla, a member of the policy group advising the government on economic issues.

"Corruption will probably be the issue in general elections, as shown by the by-elections last month," said Bhalla.

Political analysts said the by-elections saw the emergence of

India's most prominent anti-corruption fighter, Vishwanath Pratap Singh, as a candidate to lead the opposition which during its only previous period of unity kept Congress (I) out of power between 1975 and 1977.

Singh's adviser on economics, Mohan Guruswamy, said India's poor — more than 40 per cent live below the poverty line — believed corruption was depriving them of the full benefits of their work.

The opposition has accused Gandhi's government of awarding two major arms contracts to foreign companies in return for kickbacks, allegations which the government denies.

Singh based his campaign on these allegations and won a prestigious parliamentary seat and also persuaded the opposition to sink its differences and unite, Guruswamy added.

Impression

He said Gandhi must counter the popular impression that his government is corrupt and pro-rich through a socialist.

The prime minister moved swiftly to limit the damage caused by Singh's victory, reor-

ganising the party and cabinet. He appeared to have given Chavan the go-ahead to announce populist measures to regain support from the poor.

But Chavan's moves could have little effect on rural people outside the reach of economic policies, said Guruswamy.

"The majority of those in the rural sector are landless or subsistence farmers living off a barter system. The rest are big landlords who don't have to pay taxes in any case," he said.

"Any populist economic measures will only affect the 100 million middle class people in the urban areas."

QGCP gets new managing director

DOHA, July 18, (OPECNA): Dr Jaber Abdel Hadi Al Merri has been appointed managing director of the Qatar General Petroleum Corporation (QGCP).

The appointment took effect from Saturday. Al Merri, who has been acting as managing director of QGCP, succeeds Rashed Owaidah Al Thani.

Arab-British trade ties to be reviewed

LONDON, July 18, (KUNA): A major conference will open here tomorrow on "Arab British relations: new opportunities in trade and industry."

The event is part of a campaign launched by the Arab-British Chamber of Commerce (ABCC) to promote trade and economic ties between the UK and the Arab world.

The principal speaker at the one-day gathering, to be held at the Cafe Royal, Central London, will be the heir to the British throne Prince Charles.

The Prince of Wales will deliver a speech on "opportunities for future co-operation in business" between the Arab world and Britain.

Among the other main speakers at the conference will be the Moroccan Minister of Commerce and Industry, Abdullah Azmani, the Jordanian Minister of Trade and Industry, Hamdi Al Tabbaa, as well as the British Minister for Trade, Alan Clark.

ABCC underlined today that the campaign will also highlight the changing nature of the market which has moved forward in 10 years and the creation of opportunities for trade and investment.

Egypt to sign economic accord with UAE

ABU DHABI, July 18, (Reuters): Egypt is to sign an economic accord with the UAE, its first with a country in the Gulf for nine years, an Egyptian embassy spokesman said today.

He said the accord, to be signed on Tuesday during a visit to Abu Dhabi by Egyptian Economy Minister Youssef Mostafa, would boost trade, investment and technical cooperation.

Egypt hopes arms exports will redress a persistent trade deficit with the UAE, which amounted to \$14 million last year, diplomats said.

The UAE is one of 11 Arab countries that have renewed diplomatic ties with Egypt since November in line with an Arab summit decision, allowing governments to renew ties with Egypt ending a boycott caused by Cairo's 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

UAE oil output well below quota: study

NICOSIA, July 18, (Reuters): July oil production in the UAE is running well below the country's self-imposed quota of 1.5 million barrels per day (BPD), the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said.

The Nicosia-based weekly oil newsletter reported in its latest issue that July production had so far averaged around 1.37 million BPD in the UAE.

This is close to its level for June when the UAE rejected a formal quota set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

According to a current OPEC pact, the UAE limit is 948,000 BPD. But the Gulf state has consistently pumped above this level, calling the quota unfair in view of its large reserves.

A Reuters survey in June put the total UAE output at 1.25 million BPD, up from 1.2 million BPD the previous month.

MEES said onshore operations in the first part of July at the main producing emirate of Abu

Dhabi had pumped an average of 520,000 BPD while offshore operations totalled 450,000 BPD. Dubai made up the remaining 400,000 BPD.

Oil industry sources in the region said last month the UAE had authorised Abu Dhabi to pump 1.5 million BPD.

On Friday they said that during the first two weeks of July, onshore oil output had risen by around 100,000 BPD to 550,000 BPD.

Regional oil traders said last week that Riyadh may have started putting pressure on the UAE to comply with OPEC's quota.

OPEC secretary-general Subroto of Indonesia, now in Saudi Arabia on the annual Muslim haj pilgrimage, is due in the UAE at the end of the month to discuss production.

Meanwhile, the UAE ministry of agriculture and fisheries has said UAE imports of agricultural products in 1987 registered the largest growth in the past eight years.

A ministry report published by the Dubai-based Gulf News said the imports which started declining from the early 1980s also had started to climb up in 1987.

There had been an increase of about 10 per cent in the total volume of vegetable imports in 1987 to 381,600 tonnes, up from 347,100 tonnes in the previous year.

Products

Imports of fruits reached 325,000 tonnes last year as against the 287,000 tonnes imported in 1986. As for dates 116,500 tonnes were imported last year, compared to 33,200 tonnes in 1986.

A total of 20,400 tonnes of various agricultural products were imported last year compared to 13,500 tonnes imported during 1986.

Last year, 145.4 tonnes of seeds were imported against 107.4 tonnes in 1986.

Total exports of locally-produced agricultural products were 15,065 tonnes last year, of which 543,704 tonnes were

vegetables.

In the meantime, governor of the UAE Central Bank Abdel Malek Al-Hamar said today that the bank has no intention at present to interfere to determine the interest rates on loans given out by the UAE commercial banks.

In an interview with Abu Dhabi-based daily "Al-Ihtihad," Al-Hamar said the central bank's policy of non-interference resulted from a previous experience which proved against the public welfare.

Deposits

On the demand by the UAE banks society to the Central Bank for an interest on their deposits at the bank, he said, "the sums of money of commercial banks at the Central Bank are legal reserves for these banks and not deposits."

He noted that these banks benefit from this reserve when they have a cash shortage, as they can withdraw the sum they need as long as they return it by the end of the week of withdrawal.

Imports decline sharply

Japan's trade with S.Africa may be levelling off

TOKYO, July 18, (AP): Japan's trade with South Africa appears to be levelling off, giving the Foreign Ministry some relief from the embarrassment of Japan overtaking the United States as Pretoria's biggest trading partner in 1987.

Finance Ministry figures released last week showed that two-way trade was down for the second consecutive month due to a sharp decline in imports.

Exports to South Africa, however, still were strong. That poses an enduring image problem, and the government remains reluctant to do more than cajole Japanese companies to reduce trade.

As other countries imposed sanctions on South Africa to protest apartheid and saw their trade figures shrink, Japan has come under international criticism for letting Japanese companies fill the gap.

Even the latest trade figures left room for some Japanese newspapers to complain that trade wasn't falling.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Yoshitomi Matsuda told reporters

on Thursday that they should concentrate on yen-based trade figures rather than dollar-based figures.

In dollars, two-way trade was up 13.3 per cent to \$2.2 billion for the first six months of 1988 compared with the same 1987 period, but in yen the half-year's trade showed a 3-per cent drop to 272 billion yen, with the declining trend starting in April.

"We do expect that the new trend after April will continue as such," Matsuda stressed.

In dollars, too, Japan's bilateral trade with South Africa has been shrinking for two months. The \$325 million worth of trade in June was 14.5 per cent below June 1987, the Finance Ministry reported. The decline was largely attributed to imports, which plunged 26.6 per cent to \$158.1 million in June from a year ago.

Exports continued to increase, though not as fast as six months ago. In June, Japan exported goods worth \$166.9 million to South Africa, 1.4 per cent more than a year ago. But for the first six months of this year, exports soared 45.3 per cent to \$1.14

billion, according to the Finance Ministry's customs clearance statistics.

Last year Japan's trade with South Africa totalled \$4.27 billion, a 19-per cent increase that embarrassed Japan.

Guideline

Foreign Minister Susuke Uno asked Japanese business leaders early this year to reduce trade with South Africa. He also suggested that the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, or MITI, co-ordinate a guideline for Japanese companies to follow.

However, neither the Trade Ministry nor business circles responded positively.

The powerful federation of economic organisations, known as Keidanren, which consists of some 1,000 major Japanese corporations, said the Keidanren is not in a position to control its members' business activities.

"Circumstances differ from company to company," said Shinichi Nishio, a senior Keidanren official. "A sudden wholesale pullout of Japanese companies from South Africa could cause

turmoil in South Africa."

The government is philosophically opposed to trade sanctions, said Matsuda, the Foreign Ministry spokesman.

"Sanctions imposed on trade as such are against our fundamental policies," he said. "Japan is a country living on trade, both for resources and for export."

Decline

Analysts attributed the recent decline in imports to decisions by a number of supermarket chains and department stores to stop selling South African products. In the past two months, there has been a halt in sales of South African products such as the appetizer drink, wine and canned fruit. Japan also imports coal and metals from South Africa.

While welcoming a decline in imports from South Africa, anti-apartheid groups protest increased exports of Japanese cars and electronic equipment.

"I sometimes wonder if Japanese people really understand what it means to trade with South Africa," said Jerry Matila, Tokyo representative of the African National Congress.

Taiwan boosts trade ties with Japan

TAIPEI, July 18, (UPI): Taiwan's trade with Japan increased dramatically during the first half of the year, partially due to the appreciation of the Japanese yen.

Taiwan's total trade with Japan was \$11.3 billion for the six months, with a growth rate of 31.4 per cent, up from the \$8.6 billion total from the same six consecutive months of 1987.

Japan is Taiwan's second-largest trading partner after the United States, and the island's foremost trading partner within Asia, followed by Hong Kong and Singapore.

Exports

Board of foreign trade deputy director Ma Chyan-Yih said the growth was largely attributable to the rapid appreciation of the Japanese yen, resulting in a 41.4 per cent increase in Taiwan exports to Japan.

The close proximity of the two islands is also a contributing factor, Ma said. Taiwan imported

\$7.01 billion from Japan between January and June, while exports to Japan amounted to \$4.28 billion.

Topping the list of Taiwan's exports to Japan are foodstuffs, which include pork, shrimp and eel.

Increase

Shoe exports are next on the list. The Japanese market for footwear is expected to double in the next three years.

Japan also imports apparel, household articles and sports equipment from Taiwan.

Taiwan's imports from Japan include raw steel, transportation equipment and auto parts.

Taiwan reported a 47.5 per cent growth in trade with Hong Kong. Imports to Taiwan from the British territory amounted to \$729.4 million, a growth of 124.8 per cent from the previous year.

Taiwan's exports to Hong Kong grew 34.2 per cent, to \$2.57 billion in the first half of the year.

Trade with the United States

for January to June grew 26.8 per cent, but the increase was mainly due to an increase in US exports to Taiwan, which rose from \$3.38 billion in 1987 to \$7.28 billion in 1988.

A drop in Taiwan's exports to the United States, which grew less than one per cent, began to correct the trade imbalance between the two partners. Taiwan's trade surplus was cut by more than a third, from \$16 billion in 1987 to \$10 billion this year.

Jobless rate drops

BERN, July 18, (UPI): Switzerland's unemployment rate dropped to just 0.7 per cent in June against 0.8 per cent at the same time last year, the government said today.

It said that most of the 21,351 unemployed at end-June were unable to work in any case because of illness and other similar reasons.

African oil producers to back OPEC output policy

COTONOU, Benin, July 18, (Reuters): African oil ministers, meeting at their biannual conference, were expected to support OPEC's output policy, delegates said.

This was one of the main recommendations of an expert committee of the African Petroleum Producers Association (APPA) which ended preparatory meetings in Cotonou last night, they said.

In June, OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) agreed to maintain output for the rest of 1988 at the level of the last six months in order to stabilise prices although violations by some members have caused a sharp price drop.

"We agreed to urge the ministers to adopt a declaration supporting OPEC production policy," one expert, who asked not to be named, told Reuters. OPEC president Rilwanu

Lukman, the Nigerian Oil Minister, and Algerian Oil Minister Belkacem Nabi, were due here today for the APPA ministerial meeting opening later in the day. The African oil group links OPEC members Algeria, Gabon, Libya and Nigeria with non-OPEC Benin, Angola, Cameroon and Congo.

With a combined production level of only five million barrels per day (BPD), APPA's impact on the oil market is limited.

Resolution

The expert said one country suggested a resolution urging APPA members to increase output but this was rejected. "Some of us believe that a time of glut in oil is not practicable," the expert added.

The glut has caused a rapid decline in spot market oil prices and sharply reduced oil revenues for exporters including APPA states.

World Business Summary

Further easing of bank restrictions in Panama

PANAMA CITY, Panama, July 18, (AP): The government said it will further ease limits beginning today on checking account withdrawals imposed after a two-month shutdown of banks. The National Banking Commission, a government regulatory agency, said in a communique customers will be able to withdraw 50 per cent of the balance in an account, up to a maximum of \$50,000. Previous limits, in effect since July 4, were 40 per cent of the balance and a \$40,000 maximum. The commission also announced bank customers can transfer checking account funds frozen when banks were ordered shut in March to fixed-term or regular savings accounts within the same bank in order to accrue interest. The government closed 67 of Panama's 117 banks on March 3, shortly after the country's political crisis prompted a run on deposits. Runs intensified when Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, Panama's de facto ruler, deposed President Eric Arturo Delvalle a few hours after the President tried to fire the general. A US freeze on \$50 million in Panamanian government funds deposited in the United States in a bid to force Noriega's ouster left the National Bank of Panama, the central bank, unable to cover the large withdrawals. In its statement, the commission said other restrictions placed on banks when they reopened on May 9 would continue due to "the persistence of adverse conditions" and "to protect the interests of all ... and the regular functioning of the banking system."

Among those restrictions, depositors must give advance notice before making withdrawals from their savings accounts and are limited to withdrawing five per cent of the balance each month.

'OPEC: unique economic organisation, not cartel'

VIENNA, July 18, (OPECNA): The Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has been described as "a dominant and unique economic organisation," but not a cartel. In an interview at the weekend with the OPEC News Agency (OPECNA) and the monthly OPEC Bulletin OPEC Secretary General Dr Subroto said "OPEC is not a cartel in the classical sense of the word," adding that the simple theory of a "production cartel" could not be applied to the organisation. He recalled that not much attention was paid to OPEC when it was founded by Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela in September 1960. The organisation was then regarded as just "a group of five developing countries coming together."

He said that with the taking over of the activities of the "seven sisters," and the use of the oil weapon during the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, the industrialised countries' perception of OPEC began to change. It was then realised that an organisation with an economic and political role had been created, within the international community. Subroto said the onset of the Gulf conflict in September 1980 resulted in panic over disruption of oil supply, pushing price to \$40. Academic theorists who had argued that OPEC would not endure in the face of "friction, tension and conflict of interest" among member countries, had to embark on new analysis. More enlightened academics then began to view OPEC as "an institution that could help stabilise the oil market, preventing a free-for-all" which could lead to a price collapse, Subroto said.

Soviet banks to join Swift banking telecom network

BRUSSELS, Belgium, July 18, (AP): Three Soviet banks have agreed to link up with the international banking network society for worldwide interbank financial telecommunication, a swift spokeswoman said last week. The Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs of the USSR, the International Bank for Economic Cooperation and the International Investment Bank will be the first Soviet institutions to hook up directly to the Swift system, which has some 2,500 member banks in more than 65 countries. Swift provides automated international messages processing and transmission services between banks. Swift spokeswoman Phyllis Turner said the Soviet banks hoped to complete the link-up next year. She said other Soviet banks were "showing interest" in joining the system. Currently, Soviet banks are linked indirectly with the Swift network through the Moscow Narodny Bank in London. Turner said the Soviet banks have not yet chosen the technology for linking up with the Swift network. Imports of Western technology by the banks would have to comply with the rules of the West's coordinating committee for control of exports to communist countries, also known by its acronym Cocom, which monitors proposed exports of high-technology goods for their possibly military uses. Other East European countries have already joined Swift or are in the process of becoming members. Hungary and Czechoslovakia joined several years ago while Poland, East Germany and Yugoslavia are scheduled to join the network next year.

Mobil Nigeria develops \$900m condensate reservoir

LAGOS, July 18, (OPECNA): Mobil Producing (Nigeria) is currently working on a \$900 million condensate reservoir in the offshore area of Eket in Akwa Ibom state, managing director Alfred Koch said yesterday. He said Nigeria would earn about \$600 million yearly on the project's completion. He disclosed that the Oso reservoir contained 500 million barrels and when the project was fully developed, the field would be able to produce about 100,000 barrels of condensate a day. The managing director said that the reservoir had "condensate reservoir with light hydrocarbon liquid which requires reinjection of gas for pressure maintenance." He said preliminary design and engineering studies on the reservoir would be completed by the end of the year.

"Our present plan is to award the contract for procurement and construction of the facilities in the second quarter of 1989," he said, explaining that additional producing wells would be provided and two drilling rigs contracted in 1989 and 1990. "Putting all limitations into consideration, the field could come on stream sometime in late 1991," he said. On financing, he said a joint committee had been established consisting of representatives of the ministries of petroleum resources and finance, NNPC and Mobil. He said that the team had started negotiations with the World Bank and the International Finance Corporation. "We expect World Bank participation even though we have not yet received its final approval," he added.

Oil market under review

JEDDAH, July 18, (OPECNA): Indonesian Minister of Mines and Energy Ginandjar Kartasasmita and Saudi Arabian Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Hisham M Nazer discussed the latest development on the world market at a meeting here yesterday. The Indonesian minister is currently here to perform the hajj pilgrimage. Before leaving for Jeddah at the weekend, Gin

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	218/0
ABBIE LFE	315.0	
ADT LTD	144.0	
ALD LYONS	425.0	
AMSTRAD	226.0	
ARGVLL GP	188.0	
ASDC GP	150.0	
BAA	276.5	
BEAZER	275.0	
BAT IND	417.0	
BARCLAYS	415.0	
BASS	780.0	
BECHAMS	475.0	
BERISFORD	360.0	
BTCC PLC	353.0	
BLUE ACR	110.2	
BLUE CIRC	437.0	
BUC GP	411.0	
BOOTS CO	228.0	
BPB IND	267.0	
BR COMM	260.0	
BR AIRWAY	148.5	
BR AEROSP	496.0	
BR GAS RG	181.0	
BR GAS RT	171.0	
B.P.	258.0	
B.P. NEW	62.5	
B.P. RT	255.0	
BR TELCOM	242.0	
BURMAN OL	547.0	
BURTON	225.0	
CABLEWIR	392.0	
CADBURYS	384.0	
COATS VIT	243.0	
CORN UNK	572.0	
CORN GOLD	040.0	
COOKSON	262.0	
COURTAULD	337.0	
DALGETY	345.0	
DES CP	183.0	
DIXONS	180.0	
ENG CHINA	458.0	
ENTER OIL	457.0	
FERRANT	89.0	
GEN ACCID	897.0	
GEN ELEC	158.0	
GLAXO	984.0	
GRANADA	307.0	
GLOBE	145.0	
GLYNE	300.0	
GRAND MET	488.0	
GUARD RYL	188.0	
GKN	335.0	
GUINNESS	328.0	
HAWKINS	618.0	
HANSON	144.0	
HANKIN SID	528.0	
HILLSMOOR	275.0	
ICI	077.0	
INT	210.0	

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
1ST CHARL	12/4	13/0
2ND ALLCE	750/0	749/0
A B PORTS	519/0	520/0
A.B. ELECT	435/0	433/0
AAS KENT	94/0	94/0
AAH HLD	219/0	273/0
AARONSON	117/0	116/0
ACRE OIL	223/0	223/0
ADDITION	40/0	39/0
ADVEST	358/0	358/0
ADVEST	174/0	173/0
ALEX MKW	396/0	397/0
ALEXON	396/0	397/0
ALCO COLL	137/0	137/0
ALCO IR B	274/0	275/0
ALCO LON	126/0	126/0
ALCO PLNT	60/0	61/0
ALLIANCE	838/0	835/0
AMARI	263/0	263/0
AMEC	368/0	368/0
AMER TRST	128/0	129/0
AMERSHAM	434/0	434/0
AMH HLTC	140/0	140/0
ANGIA TV	181/0	180/0
ANGLO O'S	215/0	215/0
ANSBACHER	49/0	48/0
APPLYARD	119/0	120/0
APV PLC	117/0	117/0
AQUAS.A	79/0	78/0
ARAN ENJ	83/0	83/0
ARCHER AJ	145/0	145/0
ARLINGTON	198/0	198/0
ARMSTRONG	136/0	136/0
ASB NEWS	502/0	498/0
ASTRA HLD	34/0	34/0
AT ASST	51/4	51/0
ATLANTIC CN	365/0	363/0
ATWOODS	300/0	300/0
AUS REE A	278/0	277/0
AUTO SECS	378/0	378/0
AVON RUBB	251/0	251/0
B. WEINILL	176/0	177/0
BAIRD SHI	86/0	85/0
BAIRD (W)	264/0	262/0
BANK IRE	248/0	245/0
BANKER IT	75/0	76/0
BARKER DO	137/0	136/0
BARRT DEV	175/0	175/0
BAYNES C	30/0	31/0
BBA GROUP	185/0	185/0
BEAR B.VT	6/0	5/4
BEAR BRND	11/0	11/0
BELHAVEN	48/0	48/0
BELLWAY	257/0	256/0
BENROSE	221/0	221/0
BENLON H	33/0	33/0
BENTONALS	179/0	180/0
BHAIN NLT	401/0	401/0
BIRMID GL	395/0	397/0
BOF OF SCO	395/0	397/0

BLACK LE 2	16/4	16/4
BNETT +F	37/0	37/0
BOASE MAS	250/0	
BOODINGTN	171/0	171/0
BODY SHOP	620/0	625/0
BOOKER	416/0	413/0
BOOTH HENR	368/0	368/0
BORTHWICK	69/0	69/0
BOMATER	418/0	418/0
BR DREDGT	153/0	152/0
BR LAND	336/0	336/0
BR VITA	235/0	235/0
BRAMMER	245/0	245/0
BRENT CHE	159/0	158/0
BRENT MCR	427/0	426/0
BRITANNIC	373/0	375/0
BRIXTON E	327/0	328/0
BULMER HP	194/0	195/0
CALOR GRP	374/0	370/0
CAMB ELEC	62/0	62/0
CANNON ST	309/0	310/0
CAP GAP	303/0	303/0
CAP RFD	302/0	304/0
CARLTON C	114/0	114/0
CARLTON S	78/0	77/0
CATER ALL	360/0	360/0
CAULDON	13/0	13/0
CHAM PHPP	21/4	21/4
CHARTERHA	21/4	21/4
CHAS CHUR	110/0	110/0
CHORLTON	54/0	54/0
CHORLTON	556/0	555/0
CHRISTIES	47/0	47/0
CIL GROUP	13/0	13/0
CILYDE PET	134/0	134/0
CINTL-SEC	57/0	57/0
CNTRY OIL	163/0	164/0
COATES BR	325/0	323/0
COLLINS A	480/0	478/0
COLLINS W	573/0	568/0
COLLROLL	189/0	189/0
CONELLS	315/0	313/0
COSTAIN	305/0	305/0
CROFTHER	308/0	308/0
CROFTHER	111/0	112/0
CRIST (IC)	213/0	213/0
CRODA INT	140/0	140/0
CRODA INT	209/0	210/0
CRODA INT	189/0	189/0
CRYSTAL	161/0	161/0
CRYSTAL	34/0	34/0
DAISON IN	231/0	231/0
DE LA RUE	454/0	450/0
DELTA GRP	314/0	313/0
DEVENISH	329/0	330/0
DIPLOMA	232/0	232/0
DONNY GRP	216/0	215/0
DRAYTON C	454/0	455/0
DRG	452/0	451/0
DUNHILL	209/0	208/0
EAGLE TST	15/2	15/0
ELECTRA	158/0	157/0
EDIN I.T.	208/0	209/0
ELECTRON	220/0	221/0
ELLIS EVA	195/0	196/0
ELLIS GOL	137/0	137/0
ENAP	251/0	250/0
EMPIRE ST	84/0	85/0
ERA GROUP	243/0	243/0
ETAM	24/4	25/0
EURO RSCG	324/0	323/0
EUROTHRM	397/0	397/0
EUROTRN	333/0	333/0
EVERED HL	115/0	116/0
EVODE GRP	192/0	191/0
EXPANET	209/0	207/0
F&C EURO	217/0	216/0
F&C PACIF	134/0	135/0
F&C SMLR	72/0	72/0
FARNELL E	176/0	176/0
FED. HOUNS	302/0	301/0
FENNER JH	161/0	161/0
FERGUSON	270/0	271/0
FITCH LOR	300/0	299/0
FLMG AMER	127/0	127/0
FLMG CLAV	256/0	255/0
FLMG FLEA	188/0	188/0
FLMG JAPN	213/0	211/0
FLMG MERC	182/0	181/0
FLMG OSEA	163/4	163/0
FLMG TECH	186/0	187/0
FLMG UNIV	147/0	147/0
FOSECO H	253/0	253/0
FR GROUP	240/0	239/0
FRESHBAG	157/0	
FST LEISR	149/0	148/0
FST NAT	234/0	234/0
FST SCOT	391/0	391/0
FUR & COL	109/0	109/0
GARDINER	44/0	44/0
GEEST	297/0	298/0
GEI INTL	142/0	142/0
GESTETNER	231/0	229/0
GOAL PET	116/0	117/0
GPG	60/0	61/0
GRAMPND	278/0	278/0
GREEN KIN	467/0	462/0
GREENL W	232/0	232/0
GREYCOAT	419/0	420/0
GRUP TV A	49/0	49/0
GT. PTIND	342/0	342/0
GUS ORD	249/0	249/0
GVT ORIE	265/0	265/0
GVT STRA	122/0	123/0
WILND DTS	145/0	145/0
HALL (M)	145/0	145/0
HALMA	178/0	178/0
HAMBROS I	218/0	217/0

NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
BSCN COM	30/4	30/4
ATLANTIC R	81/4	81/4
AAR CORP	26/7	26/4
ABBOTT LAB	45/0	45/1
ACME CLVD	11/6	11/7
ADV MICRO	14/0	14/4
AEROFI LAB	8/5	8/6
AETNA LIFE	45/0	45/1
ARMSTRONG	15/4	15/4
AIR PR-CM	50/0	50/1
ALASKA CHN	19/0	19/0
ALBERTSONS	33/3	33/3
ALBMA 8-16	0	82/4
ALCAN ALUM	32/4	32/4
ALCO STAND	23/7	24/0
ALCO STAND	50/0	50/4
AM ELET PV	27/7	28/0
AM HON PRO	73/5	73/7
AM HON PRO	79/5	79/7
AM HON PRO	0	77/6
AM STORES	49/3	49/2
AM TEL-TEL	26/5	26/5
AMOCO CORP	75/4	75/4
AMP INC	48/5	48/5
AMPICO PITT	13/0	12/7
AMR CORP	47/7	48/0
AMR GEN CO	30/7	31/0
AMERIDA RE	28/5	28/5
ANTHEM ELE	13/5	13/5
APACHE CP	7/2	7/2
APACHE PET	2/5	2/5
ARMSTRONG	36/6	36/6
ARSHLD OIL	76/0	76/0
ATLA PACIF	7/0	7/0
ATLS CORP	35/7	35/7
AVERT INT	25/4	25/4
AVERT INC	23/7	23/7
AVON PRODS	25/0	25/0
BCE INC	30/4	30/4
BELL SOUTH	41/4	41/4
BELT CP A	29/1	29/1
BEYD STEEL	24/5	24/5
BEVERLY	7/0	7/0
BK BKOSTON	27/4	27/4
BK BKSTN-A	0	45/0
BK BK-YORK	34/3	34/3
BK BK-TNY	36/5	36/5
BKAMERICA	13/7	13/7
BKANAN SPEC	6/7	6/7
BOEING CO	58/7	58/7
BOISE CASC	44/2	44/2
BORDEN	52/3	52/3
BOHATER	32/5	32/5
BR TELECOM	42/0	42/0
BRIGGS-STR	33/0	33/0
BRYST-WYCK	40/4	40/4
BURBUSH CO	11/6	11/6
BURNS & C INC	11/2	11/2
CABOT CORP	26/7	26/7
CAESARS WO	37/0	37/0
CA FREIGHT	22/2	22/2
CAS NAT GS	15/0	15/0
CAST-TOOKE	27/0	27/0
CATERPI-DR	64/0	64/0
CBS IND	30/4	30/4
CBS	158/1	158/1
CENTEL CP	44/7	44/7
CIAMP INTL	34/4	34/4
CIAMP SPA	12/0	12/0
CIARTER CO	4/0	4/0
CHASE MAN	29/2	29/2
CHIEFED CP	34/0	34/0
CHEM BK	30/4	30/4
CHEVRON	47/6	47/6
CHRYSLER	22/6	22/6
CIRUSS CORP	54/4	54/4
CIR CHR FR CH	5/7	5/7
CTIGRA CORP	45/7	45/7
CIN MILACR	24/6	24/6
CIR CIT ST	35/4	35/4
CIRCLE K	14/7	14/7
CITICORP	26/1	26/1
CLARK ESQI	33/6	33/6
CLOROX	28/1	28/1
CPBLL RES	1/3	1/3
CPBLL SP	25/0	25/0
CAP PAC	0	18/7
COACHMEN	12/4	12/4
COASTAL	29/4	29/4
COCA-COLA	38/2	38/2
COLECO	1/5	1/5
COLEMAN CO	39/2	39/2
COLG-PALM	42/2	42/2
COLUM GAS	31/7	31/7
COLUMBUS-C	0	113/0
COM EDISON	28/0	28/0
COM EDISON	30/6	30/6
COM EDISON	43/6	43/6
CONTINENTAL	39/6	39/6
CONTL ILLN	*08	*08
CONTEL CP	34/2	34/2
CONTEL DATA	25/0	25/0
COOPER T-R	40/7	40/7
COOPER COR	10/4	10/4
CORNING GL	59/2	59/2
CRANE	31/5	31/5
CRAY RES	85/7	85/7
CULLINEN	7/3	7/3
DANIEL IND	8/0	8/0
DATA GEN	22/7	22/7
DATAPONT	5/1	5/1
DAYTON HUD	35/1	35/1
DEC	109/0	109/0
DEERE-CD	42/7	42/7
DELTA AIR	53/0	53/0
DIAMOND SH	16/7	16/7
DIEBOLD	38/0	38/0
DISNEY W	62/1	62/1
DOVER CORP	68/1	68/1
DOW CHEMIC	89/8	89/8
DOW JONES	33/5	33/5
DRESSER IN	20/1	20/1
DUKE POWER	45/1	45/1
DUN BRAD	48/0	48/0
DUPONT	88/4	88/4
DUKESQUE	15/0	15/0
DYNAMICS	23/2	23/2
E SYSTEMS	30/3	30/3
EAGLE PICH	30/2	30/2
EASTERN G	24/3	24/3
EMERSON EL	30/7	30/7
EMERSON RA	3/5	3/5
ETHYL CP	21/6	21/6
EXXON	46/5	46/5
FAM DOL ST	13/2	13/2
FED EXPRESS	43/4	43/4
FIELDCRUST	19/6	19/6
FIN COR-AM	1/0	1/0
FLEETWOOD	23/6	23/6
FRC CORP	37/0	37/0
FORD MOTOR	52/0	52/0
FORD HONAR	55/4	55/4
FORBORD CO	30/5	30/5
FRCHLD IND	10/2	10/2
ST.BANK	22/6	22/6

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, JULY 19, 1988

International Bond Highlights

Munich — Bayerische Landesbank International SA is issuing a 100 mln mark four-year private placement Eurobond with a 5-1/4 pct coupon and par issue price, lead manager Bayerische Landesbank Girozentrale said. (RTVS 1216)

Frankfurt — The European Investment Bank plans to launch a Mark Eurobond this week but the terms of the offer have not been finalized, EIB president Ernst-Gunter Broeder told bankers. (RTVC 1148)

Tokyo — Sanyo-Kokusaku Pulp Co Ltd said in a statement it will issue a 50 billion yen unsecured convertible bond through public placement in Japan. (RTZO 0857)

Paris — The French state mortgage agency, Caisse de Refinancement Hypothecaire, is to launch a new tranche, valued at between one and two billion francs, of a domestic bond launched last year, the Bank of France said. (RTZL 0952)

Zurich — Banco di Roma is issuing through its London branch 100 mln Swiss francs in 4-1/2 pct, seven-year bullet notes priced at 100-1/4 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said. (RTZY 1012)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 9-3/4 1/2	10-5/8 1/2	11 10-15/16
FF 4-5/8 5/8	5 00/10	5 30/40
PAR 7-1/8 1/4	7-1/16 3/16	7-5/16 7/16
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3-5/8 3-7/8	4-1/8 4-3/8
BRX 0 70	7 00 1/8	7-1/4 3/8
ROM 10 10-1/2	10-3/4 11-1/4	11-1/8 11-5/8
AMS 4-9/16 4-11/16	4-3/4 4-7/8	5-3/16 5-5/16
TOK 3-6250 6875	4-0000 0625	UNQ
ECU 6-62 6-87	7 00 7-12	7 31 7-43

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Offered	Bid
1 month	5-1/2	6-7/8
3 months	6	6-5/16
6 months	6-3/16	6-9/16
1 year	6-5/16	6-3/8

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	60.50	60.50	61.50	NICO	570	570	595
ACC	218	222	226.50	GRASH	104.50	106.25	808	MOCIL	450	457.50
ASIA PAINT	153.75	153.75	156.25	GRF	127	127	133.50	ORWAY	28.50	28.25
BAJAJ AUTO	235	235	241.25	NIRO LEVER	68.50	68.50	69.50	PEICO	29	28.50
BAR-RAYON	242.50	245	252	MINDALCO	84	85	86.50	PFIZER	62	62
BOM.DYING	102.50	106	109.50	HINDCOCCA	76.25	76.25	78	PRE-AUTO	30	31
BR. BOND	84.50	84	86.25	HINDMOTOR	21.75	21.50	22.75	RAYMOND	49	49.50
BSE INDEX	577.26	576.64	580	INDOR	71.50	72	73	RELIANCE	200	206
CENTURYSP	862.50	880	880	INDRAYON	166.25	165	162.50	SPIC	46.25	48
COLGATE	210	210	212.50	INDORAL	43.50	43	43	STDMILLS	242.50	245
DEEPAKPERT	32	32.50	34	ITC	43.50	43	43	TATA PHR	247.50	250
E.I. HOTEL	49	48	49.50	JISYNTH	62	63	64	TATA PHR	247.50	250
ESSAYEF	155	107.50	152.50	L AND T	94.50	96	98	TATACHEM	69.50	69
ESSAR	18.50	19	90.50	MAHINDRA	57	58.50	58.50	TELCO	645	645
GAR. POLY	79	78.75	80	MASTERSHR	10.50	10.25	10.50	TISCO	770	775.75
GE. SHIP	28.85	29.25	29.50	MAYER PL	49	50	49	VOLTA	292.50	290

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AEG	201.2
ALLIANZ VR	1463.0
BADENWERK	181.5
BASF	258.2
BAYER	294.5
BAYER HYP	343.0
BAYER VER	335.0
BBC	306.2
BRF	411.0
BMW	522.5
COMMERZB	227.2
CONTI BUNH	262.5
DATMER BEG	705.0
DEUTSCH BANK	471.0
DLA	0
DRESDENER B	257.0
FZ BARCOCK	171.8
FZ IND	491.68
FELDMUEHLE	264.0
GOLDSCHEID	294.0
HARDENBERG	429.0
HOECHST AG	274.0
HOESCH	142.0
HORTEN	185.0
HUSSEL HALZ	425.0
KALI SALZ	163.5
KARSTADT	439.0
KAUFHOF	367.0
KLOECK H	130.0
KLOECK W	0
LINDE	675.0
LUFTHANSA	149.5
MAN	193.5
MANHESMAN	155.5
MERCEDES	579.0
METALLGES	317.0
NORDF PF	443.0
NORSK HYD	59.00
PHILIP KON	595.0
PORSCHE	540.0
PREUSSAG	176.5
PVA	215.1
RHEINMETAL	297.0
RUE	229.0
SALAMANDER	215.5
SCHERING	515.0
SEL	305.0
SIEMENS	424.0
THYSEN	145.5
VARTA	284.5
VEBA	253.5
VEW	159.2
VOLKSWAGEN	262.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
C H TUNNEL	15.20
CHEUNG K	8.10
CHINA GAS	17.50
CHINA L-P	18.00
CHINA MTR	23.20
COSMO PROP	4.00
EVERGOLD	5.35
FAR EAST C	85
GEN ORIENT	0
H S DEVELOP	9.90
H S INDEX	711.37
HANG LUNG	5.40
HANG SENG	30.50
HAW PAR BR	0
HK ELEC CO	7.55
HK KOWLOON	8.25
HK LAND CO	8.20
HK SHAN BK	6.15
HK SHAN HT	5.10
HK TELE CO	6.80
HUTCH WAC	9.60
IND EO PAC	12.50
JARDINE M	13.40
KOWLOON M	9.65
NEW WORLD	11.90
PAUL Y CON	2.88
REALTY DEV	6.85
S R K CO	2.33
S K PROP	11.40
STAN DARY	1.97
STELUX HFC	2.70
SUIRE PAC	18.90
T V B CO	13.80
TAI CHEUNG	4.05
UNION BANK	1.65
WOCK HAD	0
WOCK HAD	0
WORLD INTL	3.68

AMMAN

OPNG	CLSE
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.17 1.17
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.61 1.62
ARAB BANK	110.0 111.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	3.96 3.95
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.35 1.36
ARAB INSURANCE	0.99 0.96
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	0.98 0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.94 0.90
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53 0.58
ARAB JOR. INV. TRD	2.10 2.10
ARAB PAPER COM/TRD	0.31 0.31
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	1.92 1.92
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76 0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65 1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	14.75 14.75
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00 0.95
CATRO AMMAN BANK	28.50 28.50
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.46 0.46
DAR ALDAWA DV/INV.	1.52 1.51
DARCO/INVEST/INDUS	0.52 0.52
FINANCE/CREDIT/COF	0.58 0.57
GARAGE OWNERS/DIR	3.65 3.55
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39 2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.25 1.25
GENERAL MINING	1.31 1.31
HIMMEL MINERALS	0.75 0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.25 1.25
IND. MATCH JEMCO	0.62 0.62
INDSTR. DEVLPT BHK	1.59 1.53
INDSTR. COM/AGR.	1.21 1.20
INTERNATIONAL INVEST.	0.75 0.75
INTERN. COM/INV	0.20 0.20
ISRAELI INV. HOUSE	0.64 0.64
ISRAELI INV. HOUSE	1.16 1.18
J. TOUR-SR COMPLEX	0.79 0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26 1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.50 14.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTORY	1.20 1.20
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01 25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.53 1.56
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	0.95 0.92
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.98 0.97
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50 2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.59 1.55
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20 1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.61 0.60
JOR LIM BRICK	0.22 0.22
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50 0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.53 2.54
JOR PAPER CARDBRGG	3.10 3.12
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.51 2.51
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.26 1.25
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00 2.05
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00 4.05
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.60 0.61
JOR SECURIT CORP.	0.76 0.76
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.54 2.53
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.12 1.09
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.55 4.55
JOR. KAMAT AGR	1.00 1.00
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.36 7.37
JOR. FRENCH INS	5.20 5.30
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	2.04 2.07
JORDAN DAIRY	0.31 0.31
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.25 1.24
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94 0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85 13.90
JORDAN ISLANIC BHK	1.75 1.75
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.44 1.45
JORDAN TANNING	2.01 2.01
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.70 0.71
MACH/EOU/RENT/MAIN	0.79 0.78
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69 0.73
MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.60 0.60
MIDDEL EAST INS	60.00 60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60 0.55
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.80 1.80
NAT/CABLE/WIRE/MF	0.99 0.99
NATIONAL ARLIA INS	1.23 1.23
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.38 0.38
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.72 0.71
NATIONAL STEEL	2.38 2.38
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25 0.28
PETRA JOR. INS.	1.92 1.97
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.82 0.82
RAFFIA INDUSTRIAL	0.80 0.80
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.51 0.48
SHIPPING LINES	0.87 0.87
SPINNING MEVING	0.76 0.76
THE HOUSING BANK	1.83 1.85
UNITED INSURANCE	0.96 0.95
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.46 1.44
UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19 1.23
MOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.70 0.71
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.10 1.08

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	LC-B	LC-C
AC-A	9.40	9.50	9.50	LC-B	47	48
ANS	2.65	2.70	2.70	PK-A	38	39
FER-A	3.65	3.75	3.85	PK-B	38	39
GLO	35.50	36.00	---	OIL SECTOR	---	---
PLDT	197.00	198.00	195.00	BP-A	0.022	0.023
KPSI-A	2.28	2.30	2.28	BP-B	0.023	0.024
SMC-A	140.00	141.00	140.00	LRC-A	0.003	0.003
SMC-B	210.00	210.00	---	LRC-B	0.003	0.003
MINING SECTOR	---	---	---	OPN-A	0.038	0.038
APX-A	0.04	0.04	---	OPN-B	0.038	0.04
AT-A	21.00	21.25	21.25	OV-A	0.036	0.037
AT-B	---	---	---	OV-B	0.037	0.039

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
SECTOR	988,940	10,889,035	892.38	3.18 UP
MINING	33,432,000	4,432,125	4,916.73	17.69 DN
OIL	532,550,000	4,295,800	6.344	0.009 UP
TOTAL	566,970,940	19,616,960	838.78	0.74 UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	BC-B	BC-C
SMC-A	140.00	141.00	140.00	LC-B	47	48
SMC-B	209.00	210.00	210.00	LC-A	45	46
SD-TIRE	34.00	35.00	34.50	LC-B	47	48
PLDT	198.00	199.00	196.00	ZIP	0.011	0.012
ANSCOR-A*	2.65	2.70	2.65	OIL SECTOR	---	---
AC-A	9.40	9.50	9.50	STOCK BUY	SELL	OPEN
LC	35.00	36.00	---	BP-A	0.023	0.024
FER-A	3.60	3.65	3.80	BP-B	0.023	0.024
FER-B	3.70	3.75	3.80	LRC-A	0.003	0.003
MINING SECTOR	---	---	---	LRC-B	0.003	0.003
STOCK BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPN-A	0.038	0.039	0.038
APX-A	0.04	0.04	---	OPN-B	0.039	0.04
APX-B	0.04	0.04	---	OV-A	0.037	0.038
AT-A	21.00	21.25	21.25	OV-B	0.037	0.038
AT-B	23.50	24.50	---	TA	0.024	0.025

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
SECTOR	1,935,310	14,636,100	893.10	UP 0.68
MINING	261,107,750	10,172,605	4,857.41	UP 33.00
OILS	705,200,000	4,325,570	6.716	UNCH.
TOTAL	968,243,060	29,134,275	852.38	UP 1.81

SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST	PR	CL	GS1	122	122	LEONGHUAT	179	179
				GUINNESS	302	302	M UTD IND	157	157
AJINOMOTO	200	200	GULA	28.5	28.5	132	M UTD MFG	70	70
ALEXANDRA	175	175	H L IND.	132	132	M/SHZTA	620	620	
AMAL IND	83	83	M TAI PAN	76	76	M/ATA	63	63	
AMB HDLGS	171	171	HARTNAG	104	104	MAGNUM	225	225	
AMCOL	139	139	HAW PAR	352	352	MALEX IND	380	380	
BA TOB	170	170	HEKZA	85	85	MARCOPOLO	123	123	
C & C	264	264	HIND HOTL	53	53	MCP HDLGS	92	92	
CARLSBERG	510	510	HTL M'SIA	450	450	MENANG	51	51	
COLD STOR	388	388	RTL NEGAR	290	290	NETAL BOX	430	430	
DAYAPI	42	42	HTL PROPS	132	132	NTC BHD	398	398	
DICH	520	520	HTL ROYAL	141	141	MULPINDA	35	35	
DUNLOPIND	100	100	HUNG IND	173	173	MURATA	60	60	
DUTCHBAH	444	444	HWA HONG	98	98	MYCON BHD	160	160	
ELEC MAGN	146	146	INTRACD	283	283	N ST TIME	354	354	
ESSO ORD	386	386	ISETAN	615	615	NB TIMBER	101	101	
EU YAN S	207	207	J CEMENT	75	75	QUE	456	456	
EVERPEACE	100	100	J ENGRG	233	233	P MALAYAN	272	272	
F A C B	60	60	JC ENT	115	115	ROBINSON	255	255	
F E ASSET	83	83	K G HDLGS	130	130	S PACIFIC	284	284	
F E SHIP	222	222	K KELLAS	220	220	S PRESS	715	715	
FEM ORD	900	900	K L IND	41	41	SAN HDLGS	442	442	
FEB CABLE	67	67	KAMUNTING	100	100	SANYO	95	95	
FUTITEC	656	656	KE SANG	120	120	SATERAS	67	67	
G LUMBER	101	101	KENTUCKY	244	244	SEAL INC	109	109	
GANDA HDG	38.5	38.5	KEPEL C W	54	54	SEAVIN	232	232	
GEN CORP	74	74	KEPCEL	260	260	SIA	1170	1170	
GENTING	535	535	KG FLOOR	214	214	SIA	72	72	
GOLD COIN	206	206	KIAN JOO	141	141	SIM LIM	72	72	
GOODMOOD	1050	1050	KINGS HTL	176	176	SOUTH ENG	94	94	
GRAND CEN	136	136	KUMP EMAS	110	110	TIME HNG	155	155	

Stronger OPEC seen

Peace hopes buoy oil prices

LONDON, July 18, (Reuters): Spot crude oil prices jumped today as traders guessed the OPEC might be a more cohesive organisation if founder members Iraq and Iran do stop fighting.

"Both the Iraqis and Iranians have traditionally been OPEC price hawks," agreed Steve Turner, oil market analyst at London brokers Smith New Court.

"Both will need money to repair war damage. We have seen that maximising production has not helped revenues recently. Prices have fallen too far."

Cohesive
"What's the alternative, if it isn't a more cohesive OPEC to control output and tighten up the market?"

A peace, he and others argued, might free the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries from politically-tinged conflicts

within its councils between the Iraqis, on one hand, and the Iraqis and their Arab allies.

North Sea Brent blend is the most widely-traded crude oil and serves the industry as a pricing barometer.

A cargo of Brent traded for September loading as high as \$15.00 a barrel today, up more than 75 cents on the end of last week.

But the optimism runs counter to conventional oil industry wisdom over recent years, which has held that ending the Gulf war would free the belligerents to step up their exports and would thus almost certainly add to the prevailing world glut.

Iraq could quickly bring in floating loading buoys to reactivate its Persian Gulf terminals at the head of the Gulf which have been shut by the hostilities.

And tankers could again berth safely at Iran's Kharg Island terminal, where they have been targets of Iraqi air attack.

Iran alone could add about 2.5 million barrels daily to OPEC crude oil supply which, in the second half of 1988, is already seen by many analysts as likely to run at around 19 million barrels a day.

Refiners

That is probably about half a million more than refiners need.

The war broke out in 1980 just as OPEC began grappling with the fact that — by sending prices sky high in the 1970s — it had stampeded the West into a search for energy efficiency.

As the West's factories and cars made more economic use of oil, falling demand signalled a squeeze on OPEC.

OPEC ministers were actually assembled in Vienna in September 1980 at the outbreak of hostilities. They had secretly drawn up plans for a 10 per cent output cut.

When the fighting slashed Iraqi and Iranian production, the plan was abandoned and the organisation drove prices yet higher to an October 1981 peak of \$34 a barrel.

But since then, not even the Gulf tanker war has sufficed to keep the market tight.

Quotas

OPEC has had to introduce quotas cutting output by almost half, rather than by 10 per cent. And it cannot even defend a present \$18 official benchmark, let alone keep prices above \$30.

A key issue is whether Iraq, in the event of peace, would submit

to OPEC output rules.

"Short term, a ceasefire would probably be quite good news for the oil producers," agreed Peter Nicol, analyst with Chase Manhattan Bank in London.

"Traders are scrambling not to go short," he said.

But further ahead, he saw problems getting Iraq back into OPEC's quota system.

Production

It has been refusing to accept any production quota, on grounds that the rest of OPEC would not give it one as big as that of Iran.

Iraq was allowed to produce more because, historically, it was a bigger producer and it has many more inhabitants.

The attitude of Saudi Arabia, the biggest OPEC seller, is crucial.

Despite hijacking

KAC profits soar

KUWAIT Airways said yesterday its net profits in 1987-88 jumped 26 fold over the previous year despite the loss of millions of dollars during the hijacking last April of one of its Boeing 747s, according to Reuters.

Chairman Ahmed Al Mishari told a news conference the state-owned airline earned net profits of more than KD6 million (\$21 million) in the fiscal year that ended on June 30 from KD 233,000 (\$832,000) in 1986-87.

He attributed the gain to rationalisation of expenses, more efficient fleet use and improved income from subsidiaries and investments.

Higher

But Mishari said profits would have been even higher had it not been for the hijacking of a Kuwaiti Airways jet on a flight from Bangkok to Kuwait last April 5.

Armed gunmen killed two passengers before releasing the plane and retaining hostages in Algeria after a 15-day ordeal.

Mishari said the airline lost KD2.2 million (\$8 million) during a two-month suspension of flights to Bangkok and Manila and a shorter break in service to other non-Arab Asian destinations.



Ahmed Al Mishari

He said another KD500,000 (\$1.8 million) was lost from lower passenger revenue on other routes following the hijacking. Cairo service was also briefly suspended.

Responsibility

Mishari described the hijacking as "an international responsibility since no state or airline by itself can protect all of its planes."

Mishari said the airline was studying new routes to Moscow and Sydney and would decide whether to proceed by year-end. He said a consortium of 14

Arab airlines would commission a feasibility study over the next six weeks on the proposed establishment of a joint Arab aircraft leasing company.

Mishari, who chairs a steering committee for the project, said he hoped it would be off the ground next year despite a delay in starting the study.

The project calls for a company capitalised at \$1 billion to buy more than 200 aircraft on behalf of Arab airlines over the next 10 years.

The returns of KAC from its investment increased in 87/88 by 21 per cent compared to 86/87. These returns reached KD6.7 million in 87/88. The investments of KAC reached KD100 million during the year 87/88. Assets and investments are estimated at KD550 million which show an increase of 10 per cent annually. Mishari expected investments to increase to KD120 million next year.

The chairman pointed out that KAC will work to modernise its fleet and expected that the number of passengers on KAC planes would increase again during the present fiscal year.

He added that staff were reduced from 6400 to 5550 and there was an increase in the percentage of Kuwaiti staff.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, July 18, (Reuters): The share market powered ahead to a new post-crash high as local and overseas buyers scrambled for blue chip stocks. The All Ordinaries index rose 18.0 to 1,641.5.

TOKYO: Prices closed down in a directionless market with widespread selling as investors waited for an indication which way currencies are headed. The Nikkei index fell 251.67 to 27,662.12.

HONG KONG: Prices closed lower after British institutions cut down on their holdings in the absence of new incentive. The Hang Seng index fell 29.33 to 2,711.37.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed sharply higher on sustained buying interest and bargain hunting. The Straits Times industrial index rose 15.62 to 1,146.58.

BOMBAY: Prices rose sharply, buoyed by heavy monsoon rains throughout India. Reports that stock exchanges and brokers would jointly fund the new securities and exchange board of India also cheered the market.

FRANKFURT: Prices closed lower almost across the board on continued worries about higher domestic interest rates. The 30-share Dax index fell 11.33 to 1,179.74.

NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks remained lower but were steady and above their lowest early levels. Analysts said the market was held down on US bonds on concern over the Federal Reserve continues to tighten credit.

IDB loan

to Iraq

JEDDAH, July 18, (OPECNA): The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) is to extend \$8 million to finance foreign trade transactions in Iraq under five loan agreements signed here on Wednesday.

The foreign trade package will enable Iraq to import potato (\$0.50 million), natural rubber (one million), petrochemicals (0.50 million) copper bars (three million) and intermediate industrial equipment (three million).

Dollar rises sharply, gold sinks

LONDON, July 18, (AP): The US dollar rose strongly on bullish sentiment today, crashed and then recovered sharply to end European trading mostly higher.

Gold prices fell.
Despite the volatile trading, foreign currency dealers said market players remained bullish on the US currency.

They were divided about the reasons for the downward pressure.

Some dealers said a large sell order was responsible, along with intervention by the American, British and West German central banks.

Others attributed it to news that Iran has unconditionally accepted a United Nations resolution for a cease fire in the Gulf war. Investors often considered the US dollar to be a safe investment during times of international tension.

In Tokyo, where the business

day ends as Europe's begins, the dollar rose 1.75 yen to a closing 135.15 yen. Later, in London, it was quoted at the higher rate of 134.75 yen.

Rise

In London, the British pound also took a rollercoaster ride. It rose in the morning, then it fell following a half-point increase in the British commercial banks' base lending rate to 10.5 per cent, which was smaller than the markets had expected. Later, the pound recovered to finish higher.

Later today, it cost \$1.6693 to buy one pound compared with 1.6635 late Friday.

Other late dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Friday:
—1.8823 West German marks, up from 1.8780
—1.5625 Swiss francs, up from 1.5555
—6.3415 French francs, up from 6.3285

—2.1130 Dutch guilders, down from 2.1150
—1.390.50 Italian lire, up from 1.387.25
—1.2095 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2117

In London, share prices finished lower today, but little affected by news that the Bank of England signalled a half-point rise in the commercial banks' base rate to 10.5 per cent.

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index finished 12.2 points, or 0.7 per cent, lower at 1,849.3.

Pressure

Trading volume was a light 366.4 million shares, compared with Friday's 591.5 million shares.

Players virtually ignored news of the half-point rise in the commercial banks' benchmark interest rate because the move already had been factored into trading, dealers said.

Most market watchers were looking for a full-point increase to 11 per cent in the government's effort to fight inflation, they said.

Gold prices fell under pressure from the US currency's surge and on the Gulf news, bullion dealers said.

"The news that Iran will accept a cease fire means that things will calm down in the Gulf," said one dealer in Zurich, adding that "anytime a crisis disappears, peoples' desire to protect themselves by buying gold also disappears."

Gold closed in London at a bid \$436.25 a troy ounce, down from late Friday's \$438.40.

In Zurich, the late bid price was \$435, down from \$439 late Friday.

Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold fell \$1.86 to close at a bid \$440. Silver was quoted in London at a bid \$7.13 a troy ounce, down from Friday's \$7.30.

Economy is growing briskly

German stocks' summer rally seen dying out

FRANKFURT, July 18: The summer rally on the Frankfurt stock exchange is likely to fade in the coming weeks, with only limited gains likely in the third quarter, stock analysts say.

While the market, which has risen 16 per cent since the beginning of the year, seems well defended against another drastic slump like last October's crash, the uncertain outlook for the West German economy, US dollar and interest rates are keeping a lid on the upside, they say.

The widespread pessimism may seem surprising given that conditions for a stock market rally seem to be in place. The dollar is stable and at its highest level in nearly a year, the German economy is growing briskly, and most major companies are reporting solid earnings gains.

Effect

But analysts say the happy days won't last. They cite the negative effect of new West German consumer taxes on spending and economic growth, worldwide recessionary dangers after

the US elections in November and prospects of higher interest rates because of mild inflationary dangers and high West German money supply growth.

Moreover, these analysts contend that the dollar's recent strength isn't fully supported by fundamentals. They say the US currency could easily start sliding again at the end of the year.

"The chance-risk ratio is fifty-fifty in the medium term, but in the long term, the risks will weigh more heavily," says Walter Heilmann, chief analyst at Merck, Finck & Co., a private bank in Munich. The prospect of a 1989 recession will probably leave its mark on the stock market in the second half, he adds.

Says Claire Kent, an analyst at Morgan Grenfell in London: "I can't see what will make the German market rise further. The market isn't very attractive to foreigners."

Ms Kent, citing uncertain growth prospects for the West German economy beyond 1988, sees the FAZ index fluctuating in

a range of 440 to 520 in the coming months.

On Thursday, the FAZ index rose 6.65 points to 489.85. That was only a few points below its 1988 peak of 495.78 on July 8. The market reached a post-crash low of 396.39 at the end of January.

Despite the pessimistic talk, some analysts say the market's recovery from the crash isn't complete, and they expect some modest gains.

Potential

"I see a continuation of the positive tendency in the coming months, but the time when it was easy to make money in stocks is over," says Klaus Kaposi, manager of Schroeder Muenchmeyer Hengst Capital GmbH, a Frankfurt investment fund. "The outlook is slightly positive, but not euphoric."

Stocks that have the potential to strongly outperform the market, such as capital-goods issues due in the first half, are increasingly difficult to find, Kaposi says. "The sector selec-

tion is small... The steam is out of steel shares, and for consumer stocks, which were the weakest so far this year, I don't see a recovery."

Ms Kent, citing higher taxes on gasoline, tobacco and other consumer items, concurs with the bleak outlook for consumer stocks.

But certain export-oriented issues, such as auto maker Bayerische Motorenwerke AG, are likely to benefit from the firm dollar, the Morgan Grenfell analysts say. BMW has lagged its rival Daimler-Benz AG in recent weeks, and is likely to catch up in the coming months, Ms Kent says.

However, stocks such as Siemens AG, Daimler-Benz AG and Nixdorf Computer AG "should all underperform," Ms Kent adds.

Daimler-Benz, West Germany's largest industrial concern, is likely to experience difficulties as it tries to integrate its various new acquisitions, analysts say.

Equity markets relatively quiet

Pace of US economic activity will continue strong

THANKS to a 3.4 per cent rise on the last day of the month, the broadly based Standard and Poors Composite index rose 0.3 per cent during May as a whole. Until the month end, the equity market was adversely affected by an upward trend in money market rates and a weakening bond market. Despite this, interest rate sensitive stocks such as the banks showed the greater resilience, perhaps because investors had already begun to anticipate an end to the upward drift in interest rates.

On the other hand, core industrial stocks and economically sensitive sectors such as transportation were particularly weak — perhaps because investors moved to anticipate the impact of higher interest rates on economic activity and margins.

Growing
Recently published statistics indicate the US economy is growing rapidly. Following sharp upward revisions to the estimates for net exports and for consumer spending volumes, the initial estimate for first quarter real GNP growth has been marked up from 2.3 per cent p.a. to 3.9 per cent p.a. Most expect the pace of economic activity will continue strong in the second quarter.

Industrial production rose 0.7 per cent in April and manufacturers' order books are lengthening. Consumer incomes have risen strongly in recent months and this should support expenditure over the summer. Meanwhile, export volumes are now rising at a rate close to 25 per cent year on year.

The French stockmarket put

in another good performance last month during which the CAC general index rose by 6.5 per cent.

Elsewhere, equity markets were relatively quiet. The UK market lost ground slightly in spite of takeover activity whilst both Switzerland and the Netherlands traded within a narrow range. West Germany did finish the month slightly higher, largely as a result of a stronger dollar. The Spanish stockmarket picked up towards the month end following the decision by the authorities to cut the intervention rate by 0.5 per cent.

Significance

With regard to mainland Europe, Scimitar continues to focus its investment on France and Spain. With French inflation under control (the differential relative to West Germany, has narrowed to 1.4 per cent, the lowest level in 15 years) interest rates are likely to fall further. Spain, on the other hand, will continue to outpace the rest of Europe in terms of economic growth. Helped by tax cuts, the Spanish economy is forecast to grow by around 5 per cent in 1988. In contrast, we are underweight in the hard currency markets of West Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands. Economic growth will be sluggish in the second half of 1988 and into 1989 and equity markets are therefore expected to remain in the doldrums.

Tokyo had a rather bumpy ride in May and the TSE index fell 2.8 per cent over the month. There are signs of increased anxiety with regard to interest rates

and inflation on the part of investors.

We believe that investors have become overly concerned about inflation and do not expect a significant rise in the foreseeable future. Admittedly, capacity utilization is running at very high levels, but the increasing commitment of Japan towards high tech, high value added industries implies a more flexible capital stock.

Hong Kong fell back 4.1 per cent in May in response chiefly to the behaviour of Wall Street. Meanwhile Singapore had a firmer tone. The Straits Times index rose 3.5 per cent on the month. Perhaps investors are beginning to appreciate the improvement in the economy and that at its Malaysian hinterland which has taken place over the last year. Korea and Taiwan both rose very strongly — by 11 per cent and 8.5 per cent respectively.

In Thailand, however, the Bangkok Book Club index rose just 2.5 per cent. Of the major markets, Australia was the star performer. The All Ordinaries index rose 7.5 per cent with banks and base metal stocks leading the way. The appreciation of the Australian dollar boosted the US dollar gain on this index to 14.2 per cent.

Recovery

The US dollar strengthened against all other major currencies in May with the exception of the Australian dollar (against which it fell 5.9 per cent). The recovery of the dollar can be attributed to two factors.

First, interest rate differentials vis-a-vis the US and other coun-

tries widened with the market tightening of US monetary policy towards the end of May. (In contrast, the Bundesbank pointedly went out of its way to allay fears of a hike in Germany's interest rate by supplying liquidity to the banking system on a generous scale).

Second, investors now acknowledge increasingly that the G7 has been successful in securing dollar stability over the last

year. This has encouraged some to take a more positive view as to the outlook for the US currency in future.

Slide

The pound's slide was probably welcomed by the UK authorities as it provided the opportunity for a 30 basis point hike in interest rates on June 2 and for a second rise on June 6.

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SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 18/7/88

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1	Ocean Envoy	Barber	4842988
2	Haewoo No. 3	GH&Q	4747815
6	Zarka		
7	Western Friend	Barber	4842988
8	Shaan	ISA	2441860
9	Barbara Morgan	Al Rashid	2423642
10	Hual Karinita	A.Bahar	2459891
13	Pelagos	Y.A. Algha	474553
14	Aralat	F.S.A.	4843150
FIH2	Barwil Express	Barber	4842988

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT

B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel
6	Nicolaos A	Barber	4842988
7	Hansa Mariner	ISA	2441860
8	Sea Wind	S.Shahen	2432692
9	Abu Basma	RSMS	2423642

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT

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17/7	Ibn Al Atheer	UASC	4843150
20/7	Tor Bay	KMMC	2441486
20/7	Great Liberty	Al Kamal	2425437
21/7	Roro Andrea		
25/7	Alwajba	UASC	4843150

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GOVERNMENT TENDERS

THE Tenders summarised below are invited by the Central Tenders Committee on behalf of Government Ministries and other concerned authorities. The relevant documents may be obtained from the office of the Central Tenders Committee during office hours against payment of non-refundable fee as shown therein. Unless otherwise stipulated, all tenders shall remain valid for a period of 90 days with effect from the closing date.

Tender No. ME/17/1-88/88
Tender's internal No. 29/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Information

Requirements: Supply of paper for Government Press
Relevant fee: KD 50/-
Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value
Closing date: 12 noon, Tuesday 14.10.88

Tender No. ME/17/2-88/88
Tender's internal No. 17/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Information

Requirements: Supply, installation, testing and operation of machines and equipment for the Government Press
Relevant fee: KD 30/-
Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value
Closing date: 12 noon, Sunday 9.10.88

Tender No. ME/17/3-88/88
Tender's internal No. 16/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Supply of stationary water from the local market
Relevant fee: KD 20/-
Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value
Closing date: 12 noon, Tuesday 14.10.88

Tender No. ME/17/4-88/88
Tender's internal No. 23/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Supply of stationary water from the local market
Relevant fee: KD 20/-
Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value
Closing date: 12 noon, Sunday 14.10.88

Tender No. ME/17/5-88/88
Tender's internal No. 28/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Supply of stationary water from the local market
Relevant fee: KD 20/-
Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value
Closing date: 12 noon, Sunday 14.10.88

Tender No. ME/17/6-88/88
Tender's internal No. 24/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Cleaning works in Southern Zoor Station

Relevant fee: KD 20/-
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offers value
Closing date: 12 noon, Tuesday 16.8.88

This tender is open for contractors mentioned below:

1. Tazifco.
2. National Cleaning Co.
3. Abdul Hameed Salem Trdg. Est.
4. Ibrahim Samhan Trdg. & Cleaning Cont. Est.

5. Dana & Berkeley Cleaning Works Co.
6. Al-Soula Trdg. & Contg. Co.
7. Wael Al-Nusfi Partners Trdg. Co.
8. Abdul Aziz Abdullah Al-Artaj Gen. Trdg. Est.

9. Al-Mulla Maintenance & Cleaning Services Co.
Tender No. ME/17/2/13-88/88
Tender's internal No. 22/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Supply of stationary water from the local market
Relevant fee: KD 20/-
Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value
Closing date: 12 noon, Tuesday 23.8.88

Tender No. ME/17/4-88/88
Tender's internal No. 23/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Supply of stationary water from the local market
Relevant fee: KD 20/-
Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value
Closing date: 12 noon, Sunday 14.10.88

Tender No. ME/17/5-88/88
Tender's internal No. 28/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Supply of stationary water from the local market
Relevant fee: KD 20/-
Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value
Closing date: 12 noon, Sunday 14.10.88

Tender No. ME/17/6-88/88
Tender's internal No. 24/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Cleaning works in Southern Zoor Station

Est.
3. Al-Fahad Trdg. & Contg. Co.
4. Middle East Construction Co.
5. Adel Al-Hamad Gen. Contg. Co. Ltd.

A pre-tender meeting shall be held on 2.8.88 Tuesday, at 10 am.

Tender No. ME/17/4/12-88/88
Tender's internal No. 18/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Digging & refilling of trenches for control cables in various parts in the State of Kuwait
Relevant fee: KD 25/-initial guarantee: 5% of offers value



IN FOCUS
the world today

YOUNG blacks dance around the black, green and gold flag of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) at a music festival to celebrate the 70th birthday of jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela in Cape Town, South Africa. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRESIDENT Ronald Reagan shouts to reporters as he and his wife Nancy depart the White House. The Reagans were on route to their California ranch where they are scheduled to stay until July 24. (Reuter wirephoto)



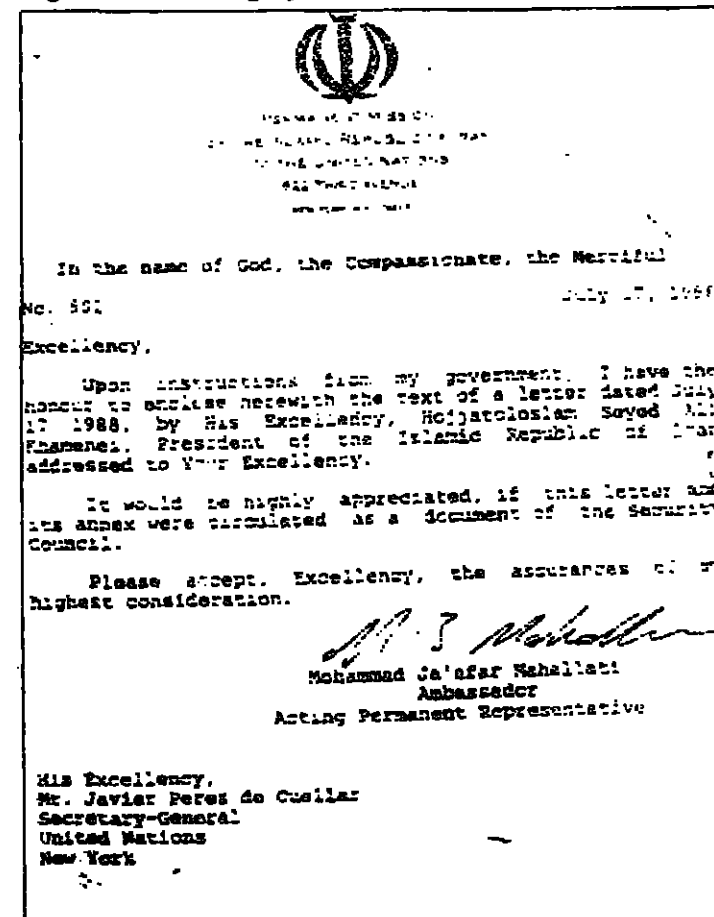
GREG SCHLOSSER of Okotoks, Alberta, tries to break his fall after being tossed from the bull 'Break Dance' in the bull riding finals at the Calgary Stampede. (Reuter wirephoto)



FIVE people died when a helicopter crashed into a deep ravine during a sight-seeing tour of mountains in southern France. (Reuter wirephoto)



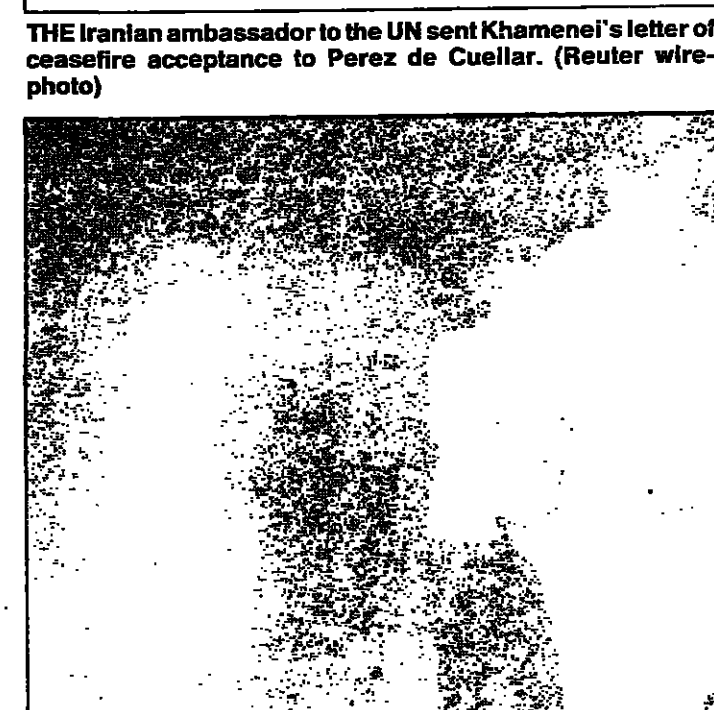
AFTER his first-ever performance in China, Spanish tenor Placido Domingo (left) and Chinese singers who also appeared (right) received an ovation and flowers from an enthusiastic audience at the Beijing Concert Hall on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



GUNMEN and civilians gather around the wreckage of a car in which an explosive charge blew up in Christian east Beirut yesterday. The charge exploded at the entrance of a hospital killing one man. (Reuter wirephoto)



INDIAN Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi (behind right) and Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal (behind left) watch Indian State Minister for Foreign Affairs K. Natwar Singh (right) and Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz signing a judicial agreement in Ankara yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE Iranian ambassador to the UN sent Khamenei's letter of ceasefire acceptance to Perez de Cuellar. (Reuter wirephoto)

BRITISH opposition leader Neil Kinnock and his wife Glenys with a party of journalists were abusively ordered into a small waiting room in Mutare, Zimbabwe, by a soldier of the Zimbabwe National Army. (Reuter wirephoto)



AHMED Essam El Deen, one of the 11 defendants accused of membership in an Egyptian underground revolutionary group, walks into a Cairo state security court under tight security. The court released three defendants on bail until trial in October, while eight were kept in custody. (Reuter wirephoto)



JESSE JACKSON talks with former Democratic National Committee chairman Robert Strauss (left) and newsman Walter Cronkite at the Democratic National Convention site in Atlanta. (Reuter wirephoto)

SPORTS

GRIFFITH-JOYNER SHINES AGAIN IN 100 METRES

Moses and Slaney make US team

INDIANAPOLIS, July 18, (Reuters): Edwin Moses may be vulnerable, but his time hasn't come yet.

The world's best 400 metres hurdler proved that again yesterday as he equalled the seventh fastest time ever in the event, 1:17.37 seconds, in winning the feature race at the US Olympic trials to make his fourth consecutive Olympic team.

"I proved age is not really a factor (in competing)," said the 32-year-old Moses, who has won two Olympic gold medals and holds the world record of 47.02 seconds.

Determine

Florence Griffith-Joyner, Carl Lewis and Mary Decker Slaney also earned the spotlight on the third day of the nine-day meeting that will determine the US team for Seoul.

Griffith-Joyner, who on Saturday had set a women's 100 metres world record of 10.49 seconds, twice posted performances yesterday that approached the phenomenal time — with no controversy.

She clocked 10.70 seconds in her semifinal and then ran 10.61 seconds in the final for the second and third fastest times in the women's event.

In both races the wind was

under the allowable 2.0 metres per second.

Lewis, winner of the 100 metres on Saturday, turned to his other specialty, the long jump, and with one jump — a wind-aided effort of 8.25 metres — qualified for this evening's final.

Slaney, the 1983 world champion in the 1,500 and 3,000 metres, continued her comeback from two years of injuries by winning the 3,000 metres final in eight minutes, 42.53 seconds. She will attempt to make the US team in the 1,500 metres later in the week.

Slaney said she plans to go to Europe after the US trials and run the mile, 1,500 metres and 3,000 metres before beginning her final preparations for Seoul.

Andre Phillips, runner-up at 47.58 seconds, and Kevin Young, third in 47.72 seconds, joined Moses on the US team in the 400 metres hurdles.

Danny Harris, silver medalist in the 1984 Olympics and the man who snapped Moses' 122-race winning streak last year, failed to earn a spot, finishing fifth in 47.76 seconds, one-hundredth of a second behind David Patrick.

Moses, who plans to run several times in Europe before the September Olympics, said: "I feel this year I could go under 47



Moses clears the final hurdle far ahead of his rivals. (Reuters wirephoto)

seconds. "This is my best three-day competition ever."

Evelyn Ashford, whose world record of 10.76 seconds was obliterated by Griffith-Joyner, and Gwen Torrence will be the other US (100 metres representatives at Seoul). Ashford clocked 10.81

seconds and Torrence ran 10.91 seconds for third. A performance of 11.00 by Sheila Echols wasn't good enough to make the team.

Griffith-Joyner, who almost abandoned the sport two years ago when she was an overweight bank clerk, said the 100 wasn't even her best event.

"It's the 200," she said, "and right now I'm on world record pace for later this week (at the trials). I won't say a time, but I think I can break the world record."

Gwen Torrence, the third place finisher in yesterday 100 metres final was duly impressed by Griffith-Joyner's world record clocking of 10.49 seconds on Saturday in the 100.

"It's so incredibly fast, I don't think it will be broken for decades," she said. "I think we can think about 10.76 or 10.79, but I really don't see 10.49 as being approachable."

Breeze

On Saturday, the reading on the wind gauge at trackside was 0.0 metres per second although nearby flags were flapping in the breeze. Some statisticians said the reading was impossible, but the operators of the wind gauge said they tested the machine after the race and found no problems.

The records chairman of the (US) Athletics Congress said yesterday he would submit Griffith-Joyner's Saturday time as a new world record.

"At this time I have no reason not to," said Robert Hersl, who is also a member of technical committee of the International Amateur Athletic Federation.



Tunisia's Bousneineh Noureddine (No. 4) jumps above a Lebanese opponent to head the ball away. (Reuters wirephoto)

Egypt and Iraq move into Cup semifinals

AMMAN, Jordan, July 18, (AP): Defending champion Iraq held a powerful Egyptian team to a 0-0 draw yesterday as both teams advanced to the semifinal round of the Arab Cup soccer championship.

The draw eliminated any chance for Lebanon, which tied Tunisia 1-1 earlier in the day.

Egypt and Iraq both narrowly missed scoring chances.

The closest came when Egyptian striker Taher Abu Zaid drove a long kick off the Iraqi goal frame midway through the first half.

Egypt will play Syria and Jordan will meet Iraq in tomorrow's semifinal games, setting up the championship game on Thursday.

Egypt ran through the four first-round games without allowing a goal. But it managed only four of its own — three in a rout of Lebanon on Friday.

It is playing in its first Arab Cup since the 1979 peace treaty with Israel isolated it from other Arab countries.

A crowd of about 25,000 packed the King Hussein sports city stadium for the game, many

waving Egyptian flags or portraits of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Several thousand people, at least some waving tickets, were shut out of the stadium when police closed the doors. Reporters saw officers using clubs, shoes and belts to beat off throngs who tried to force their way into the shuttered ticket booths a half hour before the match.

Egypt, leading Division One with five points entering the night, was ensured of a semifinal berth when Tunisia tied Lebanon, which wound up with four points.

View

Defender Tawfiq Al Muhabbi struck first for Tunisia with 46 minutes gone in the first half. He relayed a corner kick and slammed it past the Lebanese goalkeeper, whose view appeared to be screened by other players.

Lebanon replied early in the second half on another corner kick — this one bouncing off Mahmoud Hamoud's chest into the left edge of the goal.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Dodgers score easy victory over Cubs

NEW YORK, July 18, (AP): Manager Tommy Lasorda and his Los Angeles Dodgers are in seventh heaven after sweeping a five-game series from the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field.

Steve Sax snapped a seventh-inning tie with a two-out, run-scoring single as the Dodgers beat the Cubs 5-2 for a sweep of yesterday doubleheader. In the first game, Franklin Stubbs hit a pinch-hit three-run homer in the seventh inning to give the Dodgers a 4-1 victory.

It all added up to a seven-game lead over second-place San Francisco Giants in the National League West.

"Sure, I like our position," Lasorda said. "About four days ago we were only two games in front. We've made a lot of strides in the last four days."

With two outs in the seventh innings of the nightcap, Chicago centre fielder Mitch Webster misplayed Jose Gonzalez's line drive into a three-base error. Sax followed with a line single to right off reliever Les Lancaster, 4-5, for a 3-2 lead.

Pirates 5, Giants 4

Barry Bonds hit a two-run pinch homer in the eighth inning as Pittsburgh beat visiting San Francisco for its ninth straight victory and a sweep of the four-game series. The winning streak is the Pirates' longest since they won nine in a row from June 20-27 1983.

Mets 4, Braves 2

Darryl Strawberry, Mookie Wilson and Tim Lincecum homered and Bob Ojeda allowed five hits in eight-plus innings as New York won in Atlanta. Players from both teams rushed onto the field in the seventh when starter Tom Glavine hit Wilson, who also had singled in the game. There were no punches thrown, but Glavine got a warning from plate umpire Bob Davidson.

Phillies 10, Astros 4

Mike Schmidt hit a three-run triple and his 538th home run and Ricky Jordan homered in his first official Major League at-bat as Philadelphia defeated Houston at Veterans stadium. Jordan hit a three-run homer off Bob Knepper, 9-3, in the fourth.

Reds 3, Expos 1

Rookie Jack Armstrong allowed two hits in seven innings and Paul O'Neill hit a two-run homer as Cincinnati defeated Montreal at Olympic stadium. Rob Murphy pitched the eighth inning and John Franco got the last three outs for his 16th save.

Padres 3, Cardinals 1

Eric Show pitched a five-hitter as San Diego defeated St. Louis in 101-degree heat at Busch Memorial stadium and sent the Cardinals to their 11th loss in 13 games played in July. Keith Moreland, Dickie Thon and Chris Brown drove in a run apiece off Joe Magrane, 1-4.

Blue Jays 9, Athletics 6

Toronto cut Oakland's lead in the American League West to three games as Fred McGriff drove in four runs with a pair of homers. Duane Ward, 6-0, who allowed two hits and one run in four innings, was the winner in relief of starter Todd Stottlemyre, who lasted only four innings in 100-plus degree heat.

Twins 7, Orioles 2

Minnesota won its fourth straight as Frank Viola became the first American League pitcher to win 15 games, allowing five hits and two runs in five innings in 102-degree heat at Baltimore. Mark Portugal pitched two-hit ball the last four innings for his second save.

Yankees 7, White Sox 3

Ron Guidry also pitched the minimum five innings for a win by a starter, allowing one hit in 95-degree heat for his first victory since Sept 5. Dave Winfield went 3-for-4. Jack Clark drove in two runs, Rickey Henderson scored twice and Don Mattingly had two hits for New York.

Red Sox 10, Royals 8

Boston won its fourth straight under interim manager Joe Morgan and completed its first-ever series sweep of Kansas City as Ellis Burks drove in five runs with a home run, a triple and a double. Lee Smith blanked Kansas City in the ninth, preserving the victory for Wes Gardner, 3-1, who pitched 6 1-3 innings before retiring in 99-degree heat.

Results

American League			
Boston	10	Kansas City	8
California	4	Detroit	0
New York	7	Chicago	3
Toronto	9	Oakland	6
Minnesota	7	Baltimore	2
Texas	3	Milwaukee	0
Cleveland	7	Seattle	4
National League			
Philadelphia	10	Houston	4
Pittsburgh	5	San Francisco	4
Cincinnati	3	Montreal	1
New York	4	Atlanta	2
San Diego	3	St. Louis	1
Los Angeles	4	Chicago	1
Los Angeles	5	Chicago	2

Sanchez blasts Reggi for title

BRUSSELS, July 18, (Reuters): Spanish teenager Arantxa Sanchez defeated Raffaella Reggi of Italy 6-0 7-5 today to win the Belgian women's tennis championship and claim her first tournament victory.

Sixteen-year-old Sanchez, who ousted American Chris Evert in the third round of this year's French Open, swept through the first set in 23 minutes, hitting a succession of heavy groundstrokes past the bemused Reggi.

Third seed Reggi often hit her forehand shots wide and struggled with an ineffective first serve against the fourth-seeded Spaniard in a final postponed from yesterday because of the rain.

Consecutive

The 22-year-old Italian raised her game significantly after Sanchez had broken for a 3-1 lead in the second set, bouncing back to 5-3 after two consecutive service breaks.

But Sanchez broke back to level at 5-5 and captured the next two games for the title, Reggi capitulating on match-point by serving a double-fault.

"I played a very, very good match," Sanchez said. "Reggi started playing better in the second set but then I came more to the net and my volleys worked well."

"I was very impatient. I made a lot of mistakes in the first set," Reggi said. "But I really had a good chance to win the second set."

"This is my first tournament in four weeks because of a back injury. I'm happy I made it to the final."

Bruiser Brodie stabbed to death before fight

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, July 18, (AP): American wrestler Frank Donald Goodish, known professionally as Bruiser Brodie, was stabbed in his dressing room minutes before a wrestling match and died yesterday on a hospital operating table.

Goodish, 42, was stabbed twice in the stomach during an argument Saturday night just before a match with a wrestler known as Dangerous Danny Spivey, police spokesman Tony Santiago said. No details were immediately available on Spivey's real name or hometown or who Goodish had been arguing with.

The stabbing took place at 7:30 p.m. (2330 GMT) at the Juan Ramon Loubriel stadium in the suburb of Bayamon, nine miles from San Juan, said Bayamon police agent Orlando Figueroa.

Goodish, of San Antonio, Texas, died hours later as he was being operated at the medical centre in the Rio Piedras sector of San Juan.

Police said several people were arrested after the stabbing, including wrestler Jose Huertas Gonzalez, also known as Invader 1, a native of San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico.

Figueroa said Huertas Gonzalez was involved in the incident but did not elaborate.

Late last night police were questioning other witnesses.

Larry Matysik, an American who identified himself as Goodish's long-time friend, told the San Juan Star newspaper that Goodish was a former US football player and "was a big idol in Japan, St. Louis and Texas."

McNeil edges Potter for crown



McNeil chases after a forehand from Potter

NEWPORT, R.I., July 18, (Reuters): Second-seeded Lori McNeil capped a week of comebacks by beating third-seeded fellow American Barbara Potter 6-4 4-6 6-3 to win the \$200,000 Newport International tennis tournament.

McNeil, ranked ninth in the world, had saved three match points in her quarterfinal victory over countrywoman Ann Henricksson and then rallied from a set and 4-5 down against South African Ros Fairbank in the semifinals.

Level

Potter, 16th in the world, eliminated top-seed and two-time defending champion Pam Shriver in the semifinals but could not maintain her high level of play in the third set against McNeil after they split the first two.

McNeil scored the only service break of the third set in the sixth game of the two-hour final when Potter, leading 40-15, relaxed on three easy volleys.

McNeil said that she was concentrating so hard that she played each point without being conscious of the game score.

"It was just a matter of who would break first in the third set. We were both serving really well in the third. I didn't think the (sixth) game was over. I just tried to keep winning points," McNeil said.

Potter used her big left-handed serve well throughout the match but admitted she lost a little concentration on the big points. "I was feeling a little bit diffused in my intensity, and Lori was playing the big points a little bit better today. I had chances on her serve in the third, but I just couldn't break through," Potter said.

Struggled

The first two sets were played like a chess match as each player struggled to find a rhythm. Both times the player who broke first went on to win the set, which also turned out to be the case for McNeil in the third set.

McNeil collected \$40,000 and her second title of the year, while Potter won \$18,000.

Cubans triumph in seven categories

EAST BERLIN, July 18, (Reuters): Cuba's impressive boxers won seven out of 12 weight categories at a pre-Olympic amateur tournament in East Berlin over the weekend.

Although they dominated the event and proved they are on top form, Cuba's boxers will not be going to Seoul because Havana is boycotting the Games.

The East Germans, who won four categories, used the tournament to make their final Olympic selection.

Stuttgart GP

STUTTGART, West Germany, July 18, (Reuters): Result of the doubles final at the \$350,000 Stuttgart men's Grand Prix tennis tournament today: Sergio Casal-Emilio Sanchez (Spain) beat Anders Jarryd (Sweden)-Michael Mortensen (Denmark) 4-6 6-3 6-4.

The match had been held over from yesterday because of bad weather.

Unser Jr runs away with race

TORONTO, July 18, (AP): Al Unser Jr, helped by a costly penalty, ran away from Danny Sullivan and won yesterday's Toronto Molson-Indy race.

Sullivan moved into sole possession of the Cart-PPG Indy-car series lead with a second-place finish, but the 26-year-old Unser jumped from sixth to the runner-up spot with his second victory of the season and the sixth of his career.

Unser held a lead of just 1.04 seconds over Sullivan, 1985 Indianapolis 500 winner, before Sullivan made his final scheduled pit stop on lap 73 of the 103-lap event.

Produced

But, as Sullivan left the pits, Cart officials said he moved over the yellow line separating the pit exit from the racetrack. That produced an automatic stop-and-go penalty, which Sullivan took the next time around the 1.78-mile (2.78-kilometre), 11-turn circuit.

Meanwhile, Unser made his final pit stop without incident. By the time the two cars raced

across the finish line on lap 75, Unser led by 16.09 seconds.

The outcome never was in doubt the rest of the way in the 183-mile (295-kilometre) event on the temporary circuit that winds through the Canadian National Exhibition grounds and onto Lakeshore Boulevard.

Unser, who trails Sullivan 72-66 in the season points after seven of 15 races, drove his Chevrolet-powered March across the finish line 12.177 seconds ahead of Sullivan's Penske-Chevrolet.

The winner averaged 91.994 mph (148 kph) on the twisting road circuit.

Michael Andretti was third, followed by defending champion Emerson Fittipaldi, the last driver on the lead lap.

Bobby Rahal, the 1986 Toronto winner, was fifth, with Rick Mears, Sullivan's teammate and the Indianapolis 500 winner, sixth.

Sullivan and Mears began the day tied for the series point lead with 56 apiece. Mears now stands third at 64, followed by two-time

defending Cart-PPG series champion Rahal with 61.

Sullivan, who started from the pole for the third straight week, held the lead at the start as Mario Andretti, who started from the outside of the front row, fell back.

While Sullivan and Unser, who started third, battled for the lead, Andretti went backward, falling all the way to ninth before pitting.

Several more pit stops ensued and Andretti, who was coming off a victory two weeks earlier at Cleveland, went out of the race.

Slower

"Obviously, we never really got started," Andretti said. "The problem started right at the beginning. We tried everything to find out what it was, but it was something internal and we never found it."

Meanwhile, Unser chased down Sullivan, dogging his rear wing until Sullivan was held up by a slower car on lap 16. Unser, who earlier this year outraced Sullivan to win the race at Long Beach slipped past.

Gardner back in the fight after Yugoslav win

RIJEKA, Yugoslavia, July 18, (Reuters): Wayne Gardner had virtually given up hope of retaining his world 500cc motorcycle crown before yesterday's Yugoslav Grand Prix and was turning his thoughts instead to next year's battle.

But the combination of his third successive race win on a vastly-improved Honda and an injury which hampered his biggest rival, Eddie Lawson, have made the Australian think again.

Trailing

Last Friday, in practice for the 10th race of the World Championship, Gardner, then trailing Lawson by 34 points in the standings, seemed convinced not to catch his American arch-rival.

"Let's face it — there can be no miracles in this business. It's too late now," Gardner told Reuters.

But after his win yesterday and Lawson's 10th place — the 28-year-old Gardner had changed his tune.

"I don't want to be euphoric now but it seems the season is not over yet," he said. "I am going to push it hard now."

Gardner collected his first win

of the season only three weeks ago and publicly blamed Honda for his poor performance early on.

"I did and I was right," he said. "They were all completely lost. We all were. The traction was poor, the steering bad, even if we had more power than the Yamaha."

"But by now we seem to know what's wrong. We still have not solved all the problems but we have at least detected them," he said, declining to give any details of what he dubbed the team's "business secret".

Gardner, who had watched twice-world champion Lawson win four early races on his Yamaha and never finish lower than fourth before Yugoslavia, admitted that the American's misfortune had also helped him at Rijeka.

Lawson crashed during the second official practice and badly bruised his shoulder.

"I knew Lawson was in trouble with his shoulder injury," Gardner said after the race. "It may not sound fair but I was glad. I knew I had to win in the



Gardner turns a sharp corner on his way to victory. (Reuters wirephoto)

circumstances and the pressure was very high."

The result cut Lawson's lead to 20 points with six races to go. But Gardner, who won seven races last year, has certainly not written off the American.

"He is perfectly capable of finishing all the remaining races of the season. Even if I win (them) all, Lawson can still be the cham-

pion.

"I may have come closer to him but he will be fit soon and he certainly won't give me an easy time or the title just like that."

Gardner, who won the Dutch and Belgian Grands Prix this year, said he admired Lawson for his fitness and experience. But the two men were not friends, he admitted.

"In such a competitive world, that's completely out of the question. We talk to each other, we eat together sometimes, but we are far from being friends. I suppose we cannot afford it and we all accept it."

He and Lawson were also very different characters, Gardner said.

"He does everything in slow-motion — except riding a bike, of course. He seems to be so sleepy and smooth. I am all ups and downs. I am so much more aggressive personally and on the race track."

Hungry

"I like to be aggressive. I wake up quite early in the morning on a race and I eat ham and eggs. By the time the race is about to start I begin to feel hungry. I discovered that was very good for my racing. Being hungry makes me more aggressive and faster on the track."

Friends are also scarce off the track. Gardner, a celebrity in Australia, spends only two or three months a year at home.

"That's a pity," he said. "All my close friends are there and I like company."

Costa Rica hold Panama to draw

SAN JOSE, July 18, (Reuters): Costa Rica and Panama drew one goal each yesterday in the first of two qualifying games for the World Cup to be played in Italy in 1990.

Panama opened the scoring after 17 minutes and Costa Rica equalised in the 24th minute. Six minutes later, Panamanian Carlos Acosta was sent off for handling the ball.

Costa Rica was unable to capitalise on its numerical advantage, and in the 57th minute Benigno Guido missed a penalty and with it a chance to put the home side ahead.

IOC honours Prince Rainier

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, July 18, (Reuters): Prince Rainier of Monaco received the Olympic Order in gold at the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) today.

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch presented the award, the movement's highest decoration, in recognition of Prince Rainier's contribution towards promoting sport and the Olympic movement.

Ballesteros wins British Open

Sand: Lyle of Scotland, the

Price had a last chance to send the tournament, already stretched to five days by rain, to a four-hole playoff when he sent his second shot on the 18th hole



Price yesterday said the sixth and seventh would be crucial holes. He did what he wanted to do, picking up three shots on par, but then Ballesteros did more.



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